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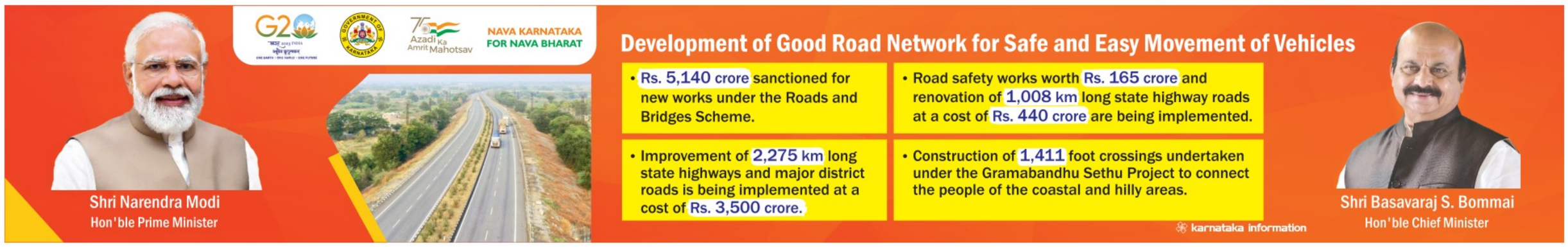

China takes lead in mapping the deep

A bid for global scientific prestige and the promise of finding mineral wealth is spurring the country's ocean exploration efforts

Ananth Krishnan
SANYA (HAINAN)

It is usually the sightings of the Chinese military's latest warships, and the occasional submarine, that attract the most attention in the crystal clear waters off this tropical island in the South China Sea.

Less noticed are the departures of the *Explorer 2*, a green-and-white vessel that might pass for an unremarkable trawler.

Departing from Sanya's Institute of Deep Sea Science and Engineering (IDSSE), the vessel has made increasingly frequent forays into some of the least explored parts of the world's oceans, carrying with it one of the most advanced deep-sea submersibles, as well as China's ambitions to dominate the still evolving, yet highly competitive, field of deep sea exploration.

So important is the IDSSE's mission to Beijing that when the manned submersible *Fendouzhe*, or *Striver*, plunged to a then record depth of more than 10,000 metres in 2020, Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a letter to the institute, pointing out that "the success of the *Fendouzhe* marks China's ability to enter the world's deepest oceans to carry out scientific exploration and research, and reflects the nation's comprehensive strength in marine high technology fields".

Only the U.S., France and Russia have similar capabilities, according to Chinese scientists. Researchers at the IDSSE say their main mission is understanding what lies at the depths of little understood ocean trenches. The work of deep sea research does, however, also carry the promise of unlocking untold commercial riches, given the growing global interest into deep sea exploration of mineral resources. Copper, gold, minerals and rare earth elements remain untapped on the sea bed.

In-depth study: Li Hangzhou, a submersible pilot, at the Institute of Deep Sea Science and Engineering in Sanya, China. ANANTH KRISHNAN

"How are organisms adapted to life in the extreme environment of the ocean, in this least understood and remote environment? That is what we are exploring," said Zhang Weijia, deputy researcher at IDSSE. Ms. Zhang said scientific research is also important in determining how resources can be exploited without damaging ocean environments. "From the ecological perspective, it will be helpful to monitor long-term changes to mining areas, how long it takes to recover, and so on," she said. In December 2021, the *Striver* explored the Mariana Trench, the world's deepest. At the Kermadec Trench in the Pacific Ocean, Ms. Zhang said, the submersible created several firsts, observing for the first time anemones at a depth of 8,880 metres and fish feeding on shark remains at 9,900 metres.

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Rising cases of cough and fever linked to influenza subtype A H3N2, says ICMR

Flu alert

Many patients hospitalised with severe acute respiratory infections have tested positive for Influenza A H3N2 virus

Time to mask up: The national capital is witnessing a surge in outpatients with respiratory problems. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Symptoms: Fever, cough, runny nose, body ache, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea

Dos: Washing hands, using mask, avoiding crowds, not touching nose and eyes, taking paracetamol for fever, body ache

Don'ts: Taking antibiotics without consulting doctor, shaking hands

Source: ICMR

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Rising cases of intense cough lasting for over a week coupled with fever, observed in most parts of the country, can be linked to influenza A H3N2, a subtype of a virus that causes flu, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) said on Saturday.

"Surveillance data from December 15 reflects the rise in number of cases of influenza A H3N2," the health agency has stated.

The ICMR has 30 Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDL) for respiratory virus surveillance. These VRDLs are attached to top medical colleges in different States and gather samples from patients suffering from severe acute respiratory infections (SARI).

In its observations, the ICMR noted that about half of all patients admitted with SARI and patients walking in to clinics were found to be afflicted with influenza A H3N2. At least 92% of the hospitalised SARI patients detected with the virus were showing up with fever and up to 86% have cough, the Indian Council of Medical Research has stated.

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'K.R. Puram-Whitefield metro line will be ready by March 10'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has informed the State government that the Namma Metro line from K.R. Puram to Whitefield will be ready for operations by March 10. The agency is waiting for the green signal from the government to fix a date for inaugurating the line.

Later this month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit the State to inaugurate the newly built Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway. On the same day, the Namma Metro line may also be inaugurated.

On February 28, the BMRCL received authorisation from the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety to open the 13.75 km metro line. While issuing the safety clearance, the CMRS imposed several riders, including completing work on passenger amenities and safety precaution measures at the stations.

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Boon for commuters

Total length from K.R. Puram to Whitefield **13 km**

Up to 3 lakh passengers to benefit

Opening of the line is likely to benefit **2.5** to **3 lakh** passengers every day.

This line is part of **15.5 km**, from Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield, built under phase II of Namma Metro

Stretch between Baiyappanahalli and K.R. Puram will be opened by mid-year

All are equal in grand alliance, says Tejashwi

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, the Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar and son of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad, said that sharing of seats ahead of the Lok Sabha election in 2024 within the *Mahagatbandhan*, or grand alliance, will be based on strengths and weaknesses of each party.

In an interview to *The Hindu*, he said that all partners in the alliance were equal and there were "no big or small brothers". Mr. Yadav reiterated the demand for special category status to Bihar and urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to look into it.

Praising Chief Minister Nitish Kumar as a dynamic leader, Mr. Yadav said he had always held him in high regard even when he had been in the Opposition.

Mr. Yadav hit out at poll strategist Prashant Kishor, stating that the latter had no political ideology.

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A day after raid and seizure of cash, Madal Virupakshappa goes incommunicado

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after the search and seizure of cash and valuables by the Lokayukta at the house of BJP MLA from Channagiri Madal Virupakshappa, the accused went incommunicado and officials have formed special teams to track him down.

Virupakshappa, former chairman, Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd. has been named prime accused in the corruption case, while his son Prashanth Madal, chief accountant of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), is accused number 2 in the case after the latter was caught red-handed while accepting a bribe of ₹40 lakh at the MLA's office on Crescent Road on Thursday.

On Saturday too, Lokayukta sleuths recovered gold and silver valuables, property documents, and bank accounts from the house of the accused.

While Prashanth and four others were remanded to judicial custody, the MLA is missing. The police are on his lookout to question him about the huge amount of cash and valuables seized from his house in Sanjaynagar.

Meanwhile, the I-T and ED officials have contacted the Lokayukta officials to get details about the seizure. The KSDL Employees Union has complained to the Lokayukta alleging rampant corruption by the officials and demanded a detailed probe to safeguard their interest. On Saturday, the Congress intensified its protest against alleged corruption in the government, citing the case of the MLA as further proof of the allegation.

Lokayukta officials with the cash found during the raid.

Virupakshappa, BJP MLA, has been named prime accused in the corruption case

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NEARBY

Vote for 'new-engine sarkar': Kejriwal

HUBBALLI
Launching a tirade against the BJP-led government in Karnataka, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday said that the "double-engine sarkar" of the BJP meant "double-commission sarkar" and appealed to the people to vote for a "new-engine sarkar" of the Aam Aadmi Party.
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Delay in water supply drawback for politicians

BENGALURU
Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who also holds charge of the city, and MLAs of outer zones, have been keen that BWSSB provides piped drinking water to 110 villages added to the city in 2007, ahead of Assembly elections. However, with over 30% of the work of Cauvery Fifth Stage still pending, that will not be the case. » Page 3

3 years later, Ayodhya mosque gets all land clearances

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The Ayodhya Development Authority (ADA) on Friday gave final sanction for construction of the proposed mosque in Dhannipur, as directed by the Supreme Court in its Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case judgment.

On February 26, *The Hindu* reported that over three years after the Supreme Court ruled on the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute, the mosque project was still awaiting administrative clearances.

An artist's impression of the proposed mosque at Dhannipur. IICF

Meanwhile, across the Sarayu river, on its main bank, the under-construction Ram Mandir in Ayodhya will see visitors enter the *sanctum sanctorum* by the end of the year.

In November 2019, the Supreme Court's Constitution Bench permitted the construction of a temple in Ayodhya, at the site where the 16th-century Babri Masjid had once stood before it was brought down by Hindu fundamentalist groups.

In the same order of over 1,000 pages, the top court had asked the government – either the Centre or Uttar Pradesh – to allot a "prominent and suitable" five-acre plot in Ayodhya to the Sunni Central Wakf Board, to construct a mosque.

The Wakf Board later formed the Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation (IICF) to execute the construction of the mosque that has been named 'Masjid-e-Ayodhya'.

The U.P. government allotted five acres of land to the IICF in Dhannipur, 25 km from Ayodhya city.

Gaurav Dayal, Divisional Commissioner of Ayodhya and Chairperson of the ADA told *The Hindu* that the ADA had informed the IICF that the authorities concerned had approved the mosque project at a Board meeting on Friday.

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Finding sanctuary: Olive Ridley turtles, a vulnerable species according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, come ashore to the Rushikulya river mouth in Odisha for laying eggs.

For the record: A wildlife official measures an Olive Ridley turtle, which has arrived on the beach along Podampeta village in Ganjam district.

Destination reached: Once a turtle finds the right spot, it settles down to make a shallow nest where it will lay about 100 eggs on an average.

Arribada ahoy

The magic of the mass nesting of Olive Ridley turtles never fails to mesmerise; every year, the beaches of Odisha welcome hundreds of the seafaring reptiles

Biswaranjan Rout

Olive Ridley turtles have trusted the Gahirmatha and Rushikulya beaches of Odisha for a long time now. Every year, they come ashore from the Bay of Bengal for a mass nesting season, also known as arribada, which in Spanish means arrival from the sea. This year, much to the delight of wildlife officials and activists, the scale of nesting has been bigger than usual.

Odisha has made sustained efforts to conserve the habitat of the Olive Ridley turtles, which have been classified as vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The journey to the rookeries of Gahirmath and Rushikulya is a precarious one for the turtles that must swim thousands of kilometres in an annual quest for the right conditions for nesting. Once ashore, the turtles make nests in the sand, lay the eggs, cover them with sand and return to the ocean. This year, many of them could be spotted even during daytime.

According to estimates, only one turtle reaches adulthood from a batch of 1,000 eggs because of the many hurdles along the way. Hatchlings emerge 40-45 days after the eggs are laid. Many eggs are damaged during high tide and due to beach erosion.

Wildlife experts said that the right conditions and clean beaches may have contributed to the early nesting this year. The numbers have already crossed last year's figure of 5.5 lakh Olive Ridley turtles nesting on Odisha beaches between March 28 and April 4. This year's final number will be calculated at the end of the nesting season.

Flip side: A turtle uses its flippers to scoop out sand to create a cavity 30 cm to 50 cm deep to lay eggs.

Handle with care: Olive Ridley eggs need protection from stray dogs and human interference. If a nest has been disturbed, the eggs are sometimes moved by wildlife officials to a protected spot.

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MUDALIAR 56/160, M.A, Central Govt Employee, 90K pm. Never Married, seeks bride. CNB. Cont: 87786 30870.

HINDU SC Govt. Doctor, 47yrs, Unmarried Seeks Bride Equal Qualification Ct: 86680 90209 / 98403 74285.

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Keeping track: An Olive Ridley turtle is tagged to help in identifying its migration path, understand the behaviour of marine reptiles and use that knowledge for conservation efforts.

Long swim ahead: A turtle makes its way back to the ocean after nesting.

Au revoir: The Olive Ridley turtles do not wait to see the eggs hatch, but come back next seasons to lay eggs again. They spend their lives in the ocean, inhabiting the tropical and subtropical waters of the Pacific, Indian and Atlantic oceans.

INBRIEF

Hindustani concert to be organised today

Seetha Memorial Trust has organised a Hindustani classical performance by noted singer Vatsala Raghunath at Sindhi High School auditorium on Kumara Krupa Road in Bengaluru on Sunday. The Trust provides financial support to patients battling cancer for their treatment at the State-run Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in the city. Admission to the concert, which will begin from 10.30 a.m., is free. Details can be had on 9845139110/ 9845043577.

Foreign delegation visits Garden City University

The Garden City University, Bengaluru, on Friday, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for international collaboration with the University of Information Technology and Management, Rzeszow, Poland to enhance the level of higher education as part of a joint effort from both universities. The MoU will be the basis for a long-standing and trustful cooperation between the two universities and works towards collaboration in the form of joint academic activities other combined learning endeavours.

Bike robber held; two-wheelers worth ₹6 lakh recovered

The Siddapura police on Saturday arrested a 20-year-old bike robber and recovered 12 two-wheelers worth ₹6 lakh from him. The accused, Nitin, a habitual offender, would steal bikes parked in front of houses by breaking the hand locks. He would then sell them without documents to his contact at throwaway prices and spend the money on vices.

From Page One

'K.R. Puram-Whitefield metro line will be ready by March 10'

The BMRCL earlier said commercial operations of the new line would start after March 15. Now, the agency has exuded confidence that the line will be ready by March 10, indicating the early opening of the line to the public.

"We are utilising the workforce to maximum level. People are working day and night to complete all the finishing work. Meanwhile, compliance reports are being submitted to the CMRS as and when specific tasks are completed. We are confident of completing pending works by March 10. Once the decision is taken at the highest level on opening the line, we will do the same," a senior official said. On the stretch, there are 12 metro stations: Whitefield, Channasandra, Kadugodi, Pattandur Agrahara, Sri Satya Sai Hospital, Nallur Halli, Kundalahalli, Seetharam Palya, Hoodi Junction, Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura, and K.R. Puram. The opening of the line is likely to benefit 2.5 to 3 lakh passengers every day.

Beautification of the line

The BMRCL has tied up with various organisations to beautify the line. "As per the policy decision, the BMRCL has been working with private organisations to beautify the metro properties. Earlier, in Phase I, it was done on the median of the elevated corridor. Now, we have the organisation's interest to beautify metro pillars, viaduct and the median," said an official.

"Already on the Whitefield metro line, we can see beautification work done with various themes, such as healthy India, environment conservation and other social messages. In some places, pillars have also been painted purple, suggesting the colour of the corridor. Five companies have come forward for the beautification, and they will maintain the same for a period of five years. We will replicate the same once the ORR metro line from K.R. Puram to Central Silk Board becomes operational," the official added.

Delay in Cauvery water supply to 110 villages is no good news for politicians

With the aim of completing the project ahead of Assembly polls, the project was put on fast-track in 2021. Now, BWSSB is working on a mid-May deadline when polls would have ended

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Drinking water is a major issue in the 110 villages and people have been waiting for too long for it to be resolved, says an MLA. FILE PHOTO

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who also holds charge of the city, and MLAs of outer zones, have been keen that Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) provides piped drinking water to 110 villages added to the city in 2007, ahead of Assembly elections.

However, with over 30% of the work of Cauvery Fifth Stage, which will bring 775 million litres per day (MLD) water from Cauvery to the city, still pending, that will not be the case. BWSSB is working on a mid-May deadline to complete the work, when Assembly polls would have concluded.

These villages are spread out in Mahadevapura, Byatarayanapura, Dasarahalli, R.R. Nagar and Bommanahalli constituencies, where drinking water woes continue to be one of the issues mobilising residents.

"It would have helped us in our campaign if water had reached households before elections. As they mostly rely on tanker water another summer, expected to be scorching this year, telling them they will soon get water is not as effective as getting water. Drinking water is a major issue in the 110 villages and people have been waiting for far too long for the same," said an MLA, who did not wish to be named.

N. Jayaram, Chairman, BWSSB, said though the Board had earlier aimed to start providing drinking water to 110 villages by March, works on the main mega line to bring raw water to the city from Cauvery river was still pending. "Nearly 70% of the work is now complete. We need another two months' time to finish the remaining work," he said, adding keeping a buffer of two weeks, works will mostly be completed by mid-May.

"There were encroachments and development along the proposed alignment on Kanakapura Road, forcing us to change the alignment. The pandemic also hit us hard. Apart from the lockdowns and migrant labour crisis, we were also hit by a shortage of industrial oxygen during the second wave of the pandemic, delaying works," Mr. Jayaram said.

Political class not likely to reap its benefits

As per the agreement between BWSSB and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which has given a loan for the project, the deadline for completion of works is August 2023.

However, with an aim to complete the project just ahead of Assembly polls, the project was put on a fast-track in May 2021. Though BWSSB now says works would be completed by mid-May, ahead of the original deadline, it will not likely help the political class to reap its benefits in the upcoming polls.

Mr. Jayaram said while work on the mega line to draw water is still underway, works on the lateral lines for distribution of water and pumping stations had almost been completed.

"In 55 villages, where the distribution network has been completely laid, we are providing drinking water twice a week to those houses who have taken our connection for some time now. While we are yet to get 775 MLD water from Cauvery Fifth Stage, we have allotted some water in the available schemes to these villages," he said.

While BWSSB estimates that Cauvery Fifth Stage will serve over 2.5 lakh households, only nearly 35,000 households have availed a connection from the Board, sources said.

Residents oppose proposal to develop 'Tourist Plaza' in Sankey Tank Lake

Residents of Malleswaram and Sadashivanagar protest against the announcement of funds allocated to convert Sankey Tank Lake into a 'Tourist Plaza', in Bengaluru on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The residents of Malleswaram and Sadashivanagar on Saturday, held a protest against the announcement of funds allocated to convert Sankey Tank Lake into a 'Tourist Plaza', in the recent Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Budget.

Citizens for Sankey, a residents' welfare group, said that the tourist plaza would further destroy the ecology of Sankey Tank Lake, which has already seen reduced shade cover and an increase in temperatures from the concrete work and structures built on it. "Sankey lake is a water body that needs to be preserved and kept away from too much human intervention. We have to preserve our lake and not look at it as something for entertainment. It is disheartening to know BBMP wants to make it a tourist destination. This will completely destroy the lake. We, as citizens, will not allow this to happen," said Preeti, a member of Citizens of Sankey.

Another resident said that the government should focus on transport and mobility plan of the city rather than spending on flyovers and tourist plazas. Kimsuka, member of Citizens for Sankey, said, "The BBMP's Budget has allocated funds for more flyovers and to convert Sankey Tank into a 'Tourist Plaza'. The government's refusal to create a holistic transport and mobility plan for Bengaluru is concerning to us all." In the recent BBMP Budget, the civic body had proposed to develop ten new City Plazas in residential areas at a total cost of ₹50 crores to add to the beauty of Bengaluru and to attract tourists. "These plazas will have fountains, play areas, food courts and open areas for rest and recuperation," the Budget stated. Apart from this, the BBMP had also proposed three new tourist circuits to be developed in 2023-24 at a cost of ₹180 crore in Kempambudhi Lake - Bull Temple Road vicinity, Sankey Lake - Kadu Malleshwara Temple vicinity and Halasuru Lake - Someshwar Temple vicinity.

Appointment of DDC, AYUSH Dept., goes against inquiry report findings

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Karnataka government has set aside senior IAS officer Ajay Seth's report on H.Y. Rathod and appointed him as a Deputy Drugs Controller (DDC) of the AYUSH department as the State Licensing Authority.

Social activist JSD Pani had given a complaint against Dr. Rathod on May 20, 2019 alleging manipulation of administrative process and undue favour given to him for his personal gains. He had questioned the regulatory arrangement in AYUSH department not being in accordance with the provision of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules.

The Chief Secretary had ordered an inquiry on June 20, 2019 and tasked Ajay Seth, who was earlier the Principal Secretary of the Health and Family Welfare Department. In his findings, Mr. Seth had said, "There is strong circumstantial evidence to infer that the system has been gamed and senior officers have been hoodwinked for personal gains of Dr. Rathod. Over a long period of almost 15 years, exceptions have been created or rules have been formulated for his benefit."

Lack of professional integrity

Social activist JSD Pani had given a complaint against Dr. Rathod in 2019 alleging manipulation of administrative process and undue favour given to him for his personal gains

"There being strong circumstantial evidence of lack of professional integrity of Dr. H.Y. Rathod, a record should be kept in his 'Annual Confidential Report (ACR)' dossier that his integrity is doubtful. No regulatory responsibility should be assigned to him henceforth. Instead, he may be posted to any administrative post such as 'Deputy Director (Pharmacy)' or posted to a teaching or clinical post, for which he is qualified," the report had further said. However, the government has neither taken any action on Dr. Rathod on the basis of the inquiry report, nor rejected it. On February 2, the State government appointed Dr. Rathod as DDC of the AYUSH department as the State Licensing Authority. When contacted, Dr. Rathod refused to comment, saying the matter should be checked with the Commissioner of AYUSH department. On the other hand, J. Manjunath, Commissioner for AYUSH, said, "This subject does not come under my authority."

IISc opens its gates to public after a three-year break

PAVANA J.
BENGALURU

Students at the Open Day event at Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru on Saturday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

After a three-year hiatus, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) opened the gates of its idyllic campus to the general public with its annual Open Day, which was last held in March 2020.

"This event is held annually with the purpose of enabling people to actually get a feel of the kind of research done at this Centre of Excellence," said Anand M. Shivapuji, a senior research scientist at the Combustion Gasification and Propulsion Laboratory.

He said that the public was more enthusiastic, and unlike the previous years where they had a more general perspective, this year they were more focused and knew more about the different departments and identified the specific purpose and activities presented by each department. "For example, when they saw our laboratory, they knew that we were demonstrating on green hydrogen. This has been aided by our institution by launching an app through which they have done exhaustive propagation of the information and made people more aware," he stated.

While talking about how the children at the event asked fundamental questions that made even the scientists think, Dr. Shivapuji said, "Some of the students have lost touch with practical perspectives to the sciences because most of them have had no exposure to the lab environment due to online education during Covid-19. But, some of them who have had a reasonable amount of online classes, along with physical schooling have developed their own understanding of the variety of courses that are available and know exactly the kind of questions they want to ask."

Similarly, Ritvik, a PhD scholar at the Centre for Earth Sciences said that the kind of questions that the students asked made them realise how much they as scientists have forgotten about science, and made them go back and check what they know.

Akhilesh, a class 10 student from Vibgyor High School, who visited the Open Day for the first time, said, "I got a lot of insights into the cutting-edge research that is going on in various scientific disciplines that could be applied to real-life impacts of the sciences."

Two first-year Information Science students, Rakshitha and Harsha from JSS College Bengaluru, said attending the Open Day gave them a chance to encounter real experiments and see how things actually work in the real world.

Road rage: Two arrested for harassing family

The Hindu Bureau
BANGALURU

The Mico Layout police on Saturday arrested a 23-year-old engineering student and his friend, a cab driver, for allegedly harassing a family over a trivial row related to road rage.

Based on the complaint by Kirthan Pai, the driver of the car, the police tracked down the accused, identified as Thomas and his friend Pavan, charging them for creating a nuisance and criminal intimidation. The duo was released later.

The accused were going on a scooter when a car driven by Mr. Pai accidentally touched their vehicle.

The duo soon chased and intercepted the car at a deserted place and created a ruckus. The family, panicked by their rude behaviour, called the control room while recording the incident where the accused started banging the car and hurling abuses to force the driver to come out. Mr. Pai managed to drive and the duo chased the car for few kilometres before vanishing.

The video was later uploaded on social media, which went viral.

The police, based on the complaint, swung into action and traced the accused based on the registration number of the scooter recorded in the video. The police are further investigating to ascertain if the duo had a plan for robbery as alleged.

C.K. Baba, DCP, South East division, said strict action will be taken against the violators.

Chat with Karnataka School Exam and Assessment Board officials on March 7

#THTALKSBENGALURU

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BENGALURU

It is officially exam season. As the countdown to the II PU and class X board exams begins, #THTalksBengaluru provides students and parents with the opportunity of talking to officials from the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board.

On March 7, Prasanna Kumar, senior assistant director (examination) for Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board, along with subject experts, will answer your questions as they participate in #THTalksBengaluru, a live chat with *The Hindu* and its readers from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

They will answer a wide range of questions from examination phobia, exam preparations, concentration problems, to confusion in the subject.

You can send in your questions via mail (letters.bangalore@thehindu.co.in) or on Twitter handle (@THBengaluru) right away, apart from participating in the live chat on Tuesday.

Health inspector caught red-handed accepting bribe

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Lokayukta officials on Saturday caught a health officer, attached to the BBMP, red-handed while he was accepting a bribe from a spa owner to renew his licence.

Based on the complaint, a team led by police inspector Srikanth caught the accused, Ramaiah, at his office in C.V. Raman Nagar while accepting ₹18,000 from Subramanya. Ramaiah had demanded ₹20,000 from Subramanya to renew the trade licence for his wellness spa in Indiranagar, 100-Feet Road, and after negotiation, the amount was brought down to ₹18,000.

Prevention of Corruption Act
He was booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act and taken into custody for further investigations.

HC upholds law making admission based on NEET mandatory even for BHMS course

Court says private homoeopathic medical colleges cannot have an unfettered right to admit students regardless of merit; the objective of prescription of NEET is to ensure that qualified students take admission in BHMS, which is in the interest of patients whom they treat

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Merely because number of seats in Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery course are more and candidates a few, the requirement of merit-based admission on National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) ranking cannot be dispensed with, and private educational institutions cannot have an unfettered right to admit students regardless of their merit, said the High Court of Karnataka.

The Court made these observations while also upholding constitutional validity of several provisions of the National Commission for Homeopathy (NCH) Act, 2020, which prescribe NEET-based admission for BHMS courses. Besides, the Court also said that the NCH (Homoeopathy Degree Course - BHMS) Regulations, 2022, and the NCH (Minimum Standards of Requirement for Homoeopathy Colleges and Attached Hospitals) Regulations, 2022, are also legally valid.

FROM THE COURT

The objective of prescription of NEET is to ensure that qualified students take admission in BHMS course, which is in the interest of the patients whom they treat, the High Court said. However, the Court said that the guidelines issued under the NCW Act by the Central government in October, 2022, for admission to BHMS course and Regulations notified by the NCH in December, 2022, do not apply to the process of admission to BHMS course that commenced in July, 2022, while clarifying that the guidelines and the Regulations would operate prospectively.

Only prospectively
A Division Bench comprising Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Vijaykumar A. Patil passed the order while disposing of a petition filed by the Karnataka State Private Homeopathic Medical College Managements' Association, and four private homoeopathic colleges. The petitioners had questioned several provisions of the NCW Act, including the provision that makes admission through NEET mandatory for BHMS courses.

It was contended on behalf of the petitioners and the colleges that the institutions imparting education in homeopathy courses are not of all India character and there is no excess demand over availability, giving scope for malpractices and therefore, requiring assessment of inter-se-merit for grant of admission to competing aspirants for admission through NEET, as prescribed in Section 4 of the Act does not arise.

Petitioners' stand
The petitioners had also argued that equating and comparing the study of homeopathy with allopathic medicine and dentistry and applying rigours of provision for grant of admission and standards of education provided for such courses is manifestly arbitrary.

While rejecting petitioners' contentions, the Bench said that the right of the petitioners to admit students in educational institutions has merely been regulated and the same does not amount to violation of their rights guaranteed either under the Constitution or interpreted in judgements of the apex court.

Meanwhile, the Bench quashed the State Government's December 13, 2002, notification applying the regulations for the admissions, which had commenced way back in July, 2022, as the NCH's regulations would be applicable prospectively, The Bench also permitted the petitioners to admit students for the remaining vacant seats on the basis of academic eligibility only for the academic session of 2022-23, which commended prior to notification of the regulations.

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, MAR. 05
RISE 06:33 SET 18:29
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MONDAY, MAR. 06
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RISE 17:43 SET 05:50

TUESDAY, MAR. 07
RISE 06:32 SET 18:29
RISE 18:30 SET 06:27

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Tumakuru	33	21
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Bengaluru Today
31ºC The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be cool and hazy.

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Forest guard killed by elephant in Bandipur

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A forest guard attached to an anti-poaching camp in Bandipur was killed on Friday evening when he was trampled by a wild elephant during the course of regular patrolling in the jungles. Bomma, 58, belonged to the Jenu Kuruba tribe and was attached to an anti-poaching camp in A.M. Gudi range of the tiger reserve. Bomma and two others were on foot patrol when the elephant gave chase. While two other guards managed to outpace the elephant and escape to safety, Bomma could not get past a hurdle that blocked his way. The elephant caught up with him and trampled him to death. The body was handed over to the family after post-mortem on Saturday. Assistant Conservator of Forests Naveen said Bomma was a native of Dadadahalli Haadi in Sargur taluk and the family would be compensated by the government as per the norms, besides providing employment to one of the dependants.

Bomma.

LOST
I Srimati. **HAMSA KUMARI** W/o **Sri Armugam** Residing at No.28, 1st Main,11th Cross,Sir.M.V.Nagar, Bangalore-560016 have lost my both original sale deed documents No.3136 of 1997 Book No.I, Vol 20-35 pages 67-71 registered on 13-5-1997 & No.1016 of 1989 Book No.I, Vol 1476 pages 351-354 registered on 22-2-1989 in the office of sub-register Hosur, Tamilnadu with respect to Plot No.48, Sy No.494/2, of Zuzuvadi village, Hosur Taluk, Dharmapuri Dist, Tamilnadu. If you found please contact: **9241204597.**

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public are hereby informed that, our client **Sri.Mallikarjuna B.G.,** has lost the original Sale dated 24-10-1994, registered as Document No.7270/1994-95, in respect of property bearing House list No.44, situated at **Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** while taking Xerox near J.P.Nagar Konankunte Cross. If anybody found the said document please contact this Nos.**9844155041 and 7592891175.**
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PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby notified that, my client has entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **Mr.MIR ABDUL FAROOK alias M.A.FAROOK**and **Mr.MIR ABDULYACOOB alias M.A.YAKUB,** both sons of late Abdul Razack, residing at No.24, Robertson Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore-560005.
Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 7days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.11 (Old No.18/1) PID No.78-102-11, measuring East to West 29ft 8inches and North to South 45ft, with a building thereon, situated at 2nd Main Road, Vasanthanagar, Bangalore and bounded on :
East by : Private Property
West by : Property of Sri.Krishna Murthy
North by : 2nd Main Road
South by : Private Property
Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY APPELLATE TRIBUNAL AT CHENNAI
I.A.No. 516 of 2022
In
R.A (S.A) No. 22 of 2016
(Arising out of Order dated 27/04/2016 passed by Debt Recovery Tribunal at Bangalore in S.A. No.257/ 2012)
The Present Address of the Petitioner/ Appellant:- M/s. Sakshi Polymers Pvt Ltd., Flat No. 83, Dadlani's Mansion, 3rd Floor, Site No. 69, KH Road, Bangalore 560 027, Karnataka State Represented by its Director, Smt.Nupur Ramsisaria ... **Petitioner/Appellant**
-Vs-
M/s. Monobal Packing Industries, B-228, Pennya Industrial Area, II Stage, Pennya, Bengalure-560 058 and 5 others ... **Respondents/Respondents**
NOTICE
R1 M/s. Monobal Packing Industries, B-228, Pennya Industrial Area, II Stage, Pennya, Bengaluru- 560 058
R3 Sri. A. Munuswamy, S/o.Late Sri.Ramachari, No.51/1, Bangalore Civil & Military Station, Sy.No.50, Dookanahalli, Bangalore
R4 Sri. B. C. Satish Kumar, B-228, Pennya Industrial area, II Stage, Pennya, Bengaluru 560 058
R5 M/s. PCJ Poly Batch Industries, B-228, Pennya Industrial Area, II Stage, Pennya, Bengaluru 560 058
Please take notice that my client have filed the above application to set aside the order dated 21.09.2022 passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal in this case. The said application came up before the Registrar DRAT court on 27.02.2023 and ordered Paper Publication to you for the hearing on **16.03.2023.** Hence you are hereby requested to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal on **16.03.2023,** without fail otherwise the matter will be decided in your absence.
PARAS JAIN
K.MAHESHWARAN
COUNSEL FOR THE APPELLANT
Place:- Bangalore Date:- 03.03.2023

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Umesha S. father of my minor Son Sachin .U. R/a No.63/3, Harish Building,Bhavani Road, Hebbagodi, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-99 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I relinquish and abandon use of my Son's former name Sandeep. U. but his new correct,true and continue name as **Sachin. U. (New Name)** only for all further future actions, proceedings, dealings and transactions, private as well as upon all occasions whatsoever vide affidavit made sworn before Advocate and Notary Chanchalalakshmi on 25.02.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client **Mr.Ravindranath Kottor,** Aged about 79 years, Son of Kunjukrishna Pillai, Residing at Property No.542, 16th Main, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore 560 034, is absolute owner of the Property bearing Apartment bearing Nos.Q-102 and Q-104, includes Two + One = Three Bedrooms with Mosaic flooring with Honne Wood Flush Doors and Aluminium building known as **"PURVA FAIRMONT",** constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property with a Super Built-Up Area of 1666 + 807 = 1973 Square feet and an undivided share of 443 Square feet, Situated at Aralakunte Village also known as Haralakunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and the same is acquired by way of Sale Deed dated 13.08.2008, Document No.BMH-1-02642/2008-09, Book-I, Stored in CD No.BMHD353, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bommanahalli, Bangalore.
My client has lost/misplaced the following documents : **1) Sale Deed dated 31.07.2004, Document No.BAS-1-11923/2004-05, Book-I, Stored in CD No.BASD85, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, 2) Sale Deed dated 31.07.2004, Document No.BAS-1-11933/2004-05, Book-I, Stored in CD No.BASD85, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk and 3) Sale Deed dated 13.08.2008, Document No.BMH-1-02642/2008-09, Book-I, Stored in CD No.BMHD353, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bommanahalli.** My client has not pledged, mortgaged, lien or have executed any GPA with any third parties. Any transaction held in respect of the said property without the knowledge of my client shall be void and my client shall not hold any responsibility over transaction held in respect the above said property.
If any of the general public has found the said documents shall handed over the same within 15 days from the date of publication to the below mentioned address.
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My client **Mr.NAVEED AHMED,** S/o.Mr.Nazeer Ahmed, Residing at Flat No.G-7, 1st Floor, "B" Block, R.K.Apartment, Shampur Main Road, Bangalore-560045, intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder from the vendor **Sri.PRADEEP .M. CHANDRASEGARAN,** S/o. Sri. M.Chandrasegaran, Residing at # 8, 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Brindavan Nagar, Kacharakanahalli, HBR Layout, Bangalore-560 043, and who claims to be the Absolute owner having acquired the same by virtue of an Registered Deed of Gift vide Dated:13-04-2017 which is Registered as Document No.KCH-1-00175-2017-18 of Book-I, stored in CD No.KCHD-220, by the Sub-Registrar, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore., having gifted the same by his mother Smt.G.Savithri.
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I, RAJAMMA Santha ,W/O Chellayan Raju, R/O No.A–107,DSR White Waters Phase 2, Carmelaram Post, Gunjur Palya, Bangalore–560035, have changed my name as " Shantha Raju " vide afdvt dtd 02/03/2023.

I, CHELLAN Raju ,S/O Chellayan, R/O No.A–107, DSR White Waters Phase 2, Carmelaram Post, Gunjur Palya, Bangalore–560035, have changed my name as " Chellayan Raju " vide afdvt dtd 02/03/2023.

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2. Nature of work : **Authority's Engineer Services**
3. No. of work : **1 No.**
4. Available of bid document in the website. : From **10.00 A.M. of 09.03.2023** to **04.00 PM of 27.03.2023.**
5. Date of opening of Bid : **Dt.27.03.2023 at 4.30 P.M.**
6. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : **https://tenderodisha.gov.in** . Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha.

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR

B-1328 : OIPR-34111/11/0093/2223

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C), IDCO, IDCO TOWERS, BHUBANESWAR - 751022

Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/EST-E-1789/01/2021/ 6991 Date :- 03.03.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value of Work (Approx.)	Period of Completion
1.	**Providing, Laying, Testing, Laying & Commissioning of D.I.S/S (K-9) Pipe in Water supply distribution System of Kalinganagar MSME Park, Dist. - Jajpur.**	₹ 70.70 lakhs	02 (Two) Calendar Months

I. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar-751022.	Bid ID.No. P&C/EST/E-166/2022-23	17.00 Hours of 13.03.2023	17.00 Hours of 28.03.2023

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in . Corrigendum or addendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-procurement portal **www.tenderodisha.gov.in** as well as IDCO website **www.idco.in.**

CAD-5046: **Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar**

OIPR-14003/11/0314/2223

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices, Stores and Purchase Dept,
K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027

NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO 13 Dated: 07/03/2023

Tenders (Pre-qualification and or commercial offers) through e-procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) are invited for supply the following goods / services / equipment's:

Tender No.	Nomenclature of Items/Services/Equipment	Tender Value in Crores Rs. (Approx)	Last date for submission of tender
G-105/22-23	Procurement of Bus Body Building (Aluminum Sockets & Die castings)	00.50	23/03/2023
G-106/22-23	Procurement of Bus body Building items (Sleeves, Sanding Disc, tape, Switches)	00.50	23/03/2023
	SHORT TERM TENDER		
G-104/22-23	Procurement of PU Adhesive Sealant	3.00	09/03/2023
G-107/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing Driver Services to depots of KSRTC, Chikkaballapura Division	2.75	20/03/202

Further any addendum / corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded/ published through e-portal only.

NOTE: Interested suppliers need to register in the e-procurement portal. For further information log into https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. In case of further assistance, contact e-procurement cell (Phone.No. 0802230960, 080–22234115). Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. Mail to eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com for further information if required. In case of bidders need assistance from KSRTC, can communicate at cosp@ksrtc.org (contact: 7760990225, 7760990224).

Sd/- Controller of Stores & Purchases
(Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/CP/5077/AKAR/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:CEE/TRZ/SEE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/12740-44 Date: 01.03.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry No. **KPTCL/CEE/TZ/TKR/110kV/Pr.Tr/Nittur/PTK/PTR-17/Dtd:10.01.2023** for "Providing Additional 1x20MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer at 220/110/11kV Nittur Sub Station in Gubbi Taluk, Tumakuru Dist. on Partial Turn-Key Basis" coming under Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Tumakuru. The bids will be received through e-procurment mode only.

The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging into website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** or click on hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or after **06.03.2023.** The other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy., Transmission Zone, KPTCL, 1st Floor, Siddaganga Complex, B.H. Road, Tumakuru-572102. Ph. No. 080-22356320.

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA SCHOOL EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT BOARD
6th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003
Ph: 080- 23349434 Fax:23347670

No: KSEEB/DPIE/B3(POSM)/1/2022-BSEC/8724 Date: 03.03.2023

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Director, Examinations, Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board, hereby invites tenders from eligible bidders for the **"supply of various types of pre-printed pass certificates, along with, resizing/portrait orientation/ cropping of photos, over printing of variable data, & lamination (SSLC only) pertaining to 2023 S.S.L.C and Other exams"** as per K.T.P.P. Act 1999 and K.T.P.P. Rules, 2000 through e-procurement portal only. Tender document may be downloaded from Board website **https://kseab.karnataka.gov.in** or e-procurement website **https://.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Tender commences on **03.03.2023.** Tender pre-bid meeting on: **10.03.2023 at 12.00 p.m.** in the office of the Director, Exams, last date for submission: **17.03.2023 at 4.00 p.m.** opening of technical bid on: **20.03.2023 at 12.00 pm.** opening of commercial bid tentatively on: **24.03.2023 at 4.00 p.m.** approximate value of tender is **Rs.69,48,200/-** (Excluding GST), tender EMD is **Rs.1,39,000/-.** Further details can be obtained from the Board during office hours.

Sd/- Director, Exams

Government of Karnataka
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA.

No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-1:Tender-109:2022-23: Dated: 02.03.2023

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through e-Procurement Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work: Two cover System: Head of Account 3054-04-337-1-10-200 MDR Maintainance: 1) Maintenance of SH-4 to Bhagenahal Cross via Tamatakallu Rayanahally Madanayakanahally Hunasekatte Joining road Ch 19.00 to 21.00 Km in Chitradurga Taluk (W.I. 165426)/call-2. Estimate Cost: Rs. 200.00 Lakhs.

Tender dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: 09.03.2023 Time 17:30. Last Date & time for receipt of tenders: 10.03.2023 Time 16:00. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid: 13.03.2023 Time 16:15. Date & time for opening of Financial Bid: 15.03.2023 Time 11:00.

Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

RO No. 1085: DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, DHARWAD
Estate Branch, Krishi Nagar, Dharwad-5

E mail: estateofficer@rediffmail.com Fax:+91-836-2441188
Epabx:+91-836-2214214/216,332,215 Phone :+ 91-836-2214214

No.EO/ANNUAL FOOD/2022-23 Date: 02.03.2023

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕೃಷಿ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಧಾರವಾಡದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಜರುಗುವ ಸಮಾರಂಭಗಳಿಗೆ, ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರ / ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನ / ವಿಚಾರ ಸಂಕಿರಣಗಳಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ, ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗೆ, ಅತಿಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಹಾರ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಸೇವೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ದರಪಟ್ಟಿ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಆಹಾರ ಪೂರೈಕೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾ ಪಟ್ಟಿ

1	ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	11.03.2023	Upto	16.00 Hrs
2	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	17.03.2023	Upto	16.00 Hrs
3	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ವೇಳೆ	18.03.2023	@	16.30 Hrs

ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು **e-procurement portal** ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಂತೆ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in online** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಚೇರಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 0836–2214216/332 ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸೂಚನೆ: ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರವಹಿಸುವ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳು / ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಗಮನಿಸಬೇಕು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಆಸ್ತಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ./ಧಾ/1198/2022–23/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E -TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram.

Sl. No	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram.				
1	Road ID 65,66,67,68 (Padma Nagar) - Electrical Works	2023_SCTLT_ 556678_1	Rs. 76,77,449/-	08/03/2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail.

All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**

(sd/-)
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರ್ಯಲಯ, ಹಬ್ಬುವಾಡಾ–ಕಾರವಾರ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ –581 301.

ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08382–228935 ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 229735 e-mail: eerdwsd.uk@gmail.com

ನಂ:ಕಾನಿಇಂ/ಗ್ರಾಕುನೀನೈವಿ/ಕಾರವಾರ/ಪಬಿ–1/ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ/JJM/2022–23/2401 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03.03.2023

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ/ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಖರೀದಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾನೂನು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ **Standard Tender Document KW-3 & 4** ನಂತೆ ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾದ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ವಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು

(1) INDENT 59085 (2) INDENT 58691 (3) INDENT 58690 (4) INDENT 58689 (5) INDENT 58688 (6) INDENT 58645 (7) INDENT 58638 (8) INDENT 58687 (9) INDENT 58692 (10) INDENT 58693 (11) INDENT 53960 (12) INDENT 55857 (13) INDENT 57864 (14) INDENT 55906 (15) INDENT 55912 (16) INDENT 55915 (17) INDENT 55918 (18) INDENT 59331 (19) INDENT 59356 (20) INDENT 59359 (21) INDENT 59330

(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಡೌನಲೋಡ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.03.2023 ರಿಂದ 18.03.2023 ರ 16.30 ಘಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (2) ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.03.2023 ರ 16.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ** (3) **ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.03.2023 ರಂದು 17.00 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.** ಉಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/1082/22-23 dt.03.03.2023 ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ (ಉ.ಕ. ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.

Phone No:08539–222318email:eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. PWD:DK:RD:KW-3&4:2022-23: 5454

Date:03-03-2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW- **1, 3 & 4** on e-procurement Portal, **Head of Account : 5054-03-337-0-17-154 SH Improvements & 8443-Deposit Contribution /2022-23.** Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone No. 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Work Indent Nos. **165853 & 165622 (2 Works)** Last Date & time for receipt of tenders **14-03-2023 Time 16.00**, Date and time for opening of technical bid **15-03-2023 Time 16.30,** Last Date and time for opening of financial bid **17-03-2023 Time 11.00,** Max: Estimate Amount **Rs. 250.00** Lakhs & Min: Estimate Amount **Rs. 60.00** Lakhs. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Date of Pre-bid meeting & Queries/Clarification, as mentioned in e-Proc Portal.

Sd/- EE, PWD Division, Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/709/KSMCA/2022-23

Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
KNNL,Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura.

Tender Notification-71/2022-23 Date: 03-03-2023
(E-Procurement System only)

Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.T.P.P Act- 2000 on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors in standard K/W Bid document. Contractors, has registered in PWD Department such as **KPWD Class-II or KPWD Class-III & above.** The tenderers are required to submit tenders only through E- procurement portal of Govt of Karnataka **(http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Improvements to Roads in Soraba and Sagara Taluk for 03 Works** of Amount put to tender Rs. **299.99** lakhs to Rs.**199.99** lakhs and EMD Rs. **4.50** lakhs **to Rs. 3.00** lakhs.

1) Date of downloading & submission of tender (through e-procurement) will be on **03-03-2023** to **10-03-2023** up to **5.30** PM **2)** Last date for tender queries will be on **09-03-2023** up to **5.30** PM **3)** Opening of technical /Financial bid will be on **13-03-2023** @ **11.00 AM 4)** Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid. For more details visit website from date-**03-03-2023** at **(http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)**.OR undersigned in all working days during office hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer.
KNNL, DRP., Division, Shikaripura

DIPR/SMG/No.30/ZEN/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Deputy Commissioner office,
(District Urban Development Cell) Haveri Dist,
Haveri-581110 Phone No : 08375-249097 (Office)
Fax : 08375-249088 e-mail : dc_haveri@yahoo.co.in

ನಂ:ಮುಸ (04)/ಟೆಂಡರ/ಪಹಿ– /2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28–02–2023

Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell Haveri District Ranebennur CMC limits invites e-tenders from Class-I PWD registered contractors for Chief Minister's Amruth Nagarothan Phase-4 Project work as per KTPP Act 1999 Rule 2000 as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Indent No.	Estimated Value (Rs in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs in Lakhs)	Tender Period (Including Mansoon)
1	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 147291	**47.88**	**0.95**	3 Months
2	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 147416	**82.00**	**1.64**	6 Months
3	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 147412	**82.00**	**1.64**	6 Months
4	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 147378	**82.00**	**1.64**	6 Months
5	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 147377	**82.00**	**1.64**	6 Months
6	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 147351	**67.50**	**1.35**	6 Months
7	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 147298	**82.00**	**1.64**	6 Months
8	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 147345	**88.00**	**1.76**	6 Months
9	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 147321	**82.00**	**1.64**	6 Months

Note : Amount put to tender is exclusive of applicable GST.

Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from the e-procurement paltform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** tender shall be submitted electronically at **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** EMD and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically.

Calendar of events and other information's are as follows : (1) Last date for uploading of completed tender documents : **13-03-2023** (2) Technical Bid Opening : **14-03-2023** (3) Financial Bid Opening : **17-03-2023**

Further conditions and further information can be obtained from this being working hours. If any changes in the calendar of events and the dates will be notified on e-procurement portal only.

DIPR/HVR/KSMCA/598/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, DUDC, Haveri**

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, KBJNL, Forest Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi.
Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-281410

NO.KBJNL/DCF/BUD/DPT-/CAT Progr/e-tender/2022-23/1199 Dated: 28-02-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(through e-procurement)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL Bangalore, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, KBJNL, Forest Division Almatti invites tender on Percentage basis from the eligible bidders for the 10 work as detailed in table below. The tenderers are required to up load two separate covers one containing technical bid with details as mentioned under instructions to the tenderars to the tenderers vide para-1.1 and other cover containing financial bid of the tender which will be opened only if he tenderar is found to be qualified to execute the tendered work vide para-2

Table shoving the tender dates and timings:

Calendar of events

Sl.No	Details	1st Call Tender Dates
1	Publishing tender date	02.03.2023 at 5.00 PM
2	Pre bid Meeting	09.03.2023 at 11.00 AM
3	Last date for receiving the tender bids	16.03.2023 at 5.00 PM
4	Opening Technical bids	18.03.2023 at 11.00 AM
5	Opening Financial bids	20.03.2023 at 11.00 AM

Note: A pre-bid review meeting will be conveyed on Dated 09.03.2023 at 11.00 AM in the Office of Deputy Conservator of Forests, KBJNL Forest Division Almatti, the Contractor shall submit querries if any in Writing to the undersigned office Dated 08.03.2023 at 5.00 PM

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/984/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23 **Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, KBJNL, Forest Division, Almatti**

Government of Karnataka
(Department of Public Instruction)
KARNATAKA TEXTBOOK SOCIETY(R)
6th Cross, Malleshwaram Bengaluru-560 003.
Phone: 080-26422238, e-Mail: mdktbs.tender@gmail.com
Website: http://www.ktbs.kar.nic.in

No: A8/KTBS/Anupayukta/22/2022-23 Date: 04.03.2023

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

A Short-term tender is invited under Two Bid System on Government of Karnataka e-procurement platform from eligible Bidders / Agencies for the clearance of Obsolete Books stored at 204 Block level office godowns. Eligible bidders, who have Infrastructure as specified in the Tender Document for clearance of absolete textbooks, may apply.

Eligible bidders may offer their bidding up-to **5.30 p.m. on 13.03.2023.** Tender document is available in e-Portal as well as department website.

E-procurement portal address: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Portal Help line: **+91-8046010000 / +91-8068948777**
Department Website: **http://www.ktbs.kar.nic.in**

Sd/- Managing Director,
Karnataka Textbook Society (R), Bengaluru.

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of theExecutive Engineer, KBJNL.NRBC.Divn.No.4,
Chikkahonnakuni,Tq: Devadurga. Dist:Raichur-584 111. KARNATAKA.

No. KBJNL/NRBC/D-4/PB/Tender/2022-23/993 DATE:02/03/2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, NRBC Division No. 4, Chikkahonnakuni, invites the percentage tenders in two cover system from the eligible Category I and above enrolled in KBJNL Selected list for work mentioned in the table below. The tenderers are required to submit two separate covers, one containing details of EMD and the particulars under instructions to the tenderers vide clause 1.1 and the other containing financial details of tender as per clauses 1.20

(The blank tender documents can be obtained through the web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and to be submitted through electronic tender box.

Indent No.	Name of work	Estimated cost put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	GST 18% (Rs. in Lakhs	Total Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)	Transaction Fee (In Rs).	Stipulated period of completion including monsoon	Class of Contractor
24268	Construction of Downstream Training Walls for Protection of flood entering into habitation on downstream of Gugal Barrage in Yadgir District.	160.85	28.95	189.80	2.85	Transaction fee as fixed by e-portal	9 months including monsoon	KPWD Class-I and above

3.1.2) The contractors can request for e-tendering documents from 03.03.2023 to 13.03.2023 (10.00 AM) in the web site http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal/index Seam link e-tender document on payment (non refundable) as fixed by e-portal towards transaction fee. While applying the contractor can pay the transaction fee in the e-procurement portal using payment modes - 1 credit cards / National electronic fund transfer (NEFT) / over the counter (OTC) on or before 13.03.2023 up to (5.00 PM) during office hours. 3.1.3) The contractor can have access to e-tender document from 03.03.2023 to 13.03.2023 from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM 3.1.4 A pre-bid meeting will be conducted on 07.03.2023 at 11.00 AM at the office the EE, KBJNL,NRBC, Division No.4 Chikkahonnakuni 3.1.5) Submission of completed e-tendering documents from 03.03.2023 to 13.03.2023 up to 5.00 PM. 3.1.6) Cover - I (Technical bid) and Cover - II (Financial bid) will be opened electronically in the office of the EE, KBJNL,NRBC, Division No.4 Chikkahonnakuni on 15.03.2023 at 11.00 AM and 17.03.2023 at 11.00 AM respectively. 3.1.7) Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal/index or in the o/o the undersigned during office hours on working days.

For any clarification regarding the tenders please Contact http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or office of the undersigned during office hours on working days.

DIP/Raichur/696/K.S.M.C&A/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.4, CHIKKAHONNAKUNI-584111

INBRIEF

JD(S) yatra to conclude in Mysuru on March 26

The Pancharatna Yatra of the JD(S) will culminate in Mysuru on March 26 with a massive rally and the second list of party candidates for the Assembly elections will be announced in the second week of March, the former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said on Friday. "About 10 lakh people are expected to take part in the rally. We will have a roadshow for 100 km starting from Kumbalgod. The former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda will participate in the roadshow and will be in an open vehicle," he said. He added that the second list of candidates for about 60 constituencies was being finalised and would be released either on March 11 or 14.

Govt. to help restore folklore museum at Mysore university

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has announced that the government will help in restoring and preserving the folklore museum started by artist and folklorist P.R. Tippeswamy in the University of Mysore back in 1968.

At the centenary celebration of the artist organised by P.R. Tippeswamy Pratishtana at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath in Bengaluru, the Chief Minister said he would also instruct the BBMP authorities to name a street in Bengaluru after him.

Kejriwal: 'Double-engine sarkar' means 'double-commission sarkar'

The Aam Aadmi Party leader, in his first election campaign in Karnataka, appeals to people to vote for a 'new-engine sarkar'

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Launching a tirade against the BJP-led government in Karnataka, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday said that the "double-engine sarkar" of the BJP meant "double-commission sarkar" and appealed to the people to vote for a "new-engine sarkar" of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

Kickstarting the election campaign of the AAP along with Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann in Davangere on Saturday, Mr. Kejriwal appealed to the people not to be fooled by the "double-engine sarkar" slogans.

"During the 2018 elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had accused the then Congress government of being a '20% commission sarkar'. And now, under the double-engine sarkar of the BJP, the commission percentage has doubled from 20 to 40," he said addressing a gathering of party workers and office-bearers. Mr. Kejriwal sought people's support to establish a "zero per cent commission" government in Karnataka.

Seeking votes: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann at an AAP convention in Davangere on Saturday. PTI

He referred to the letter written by the Karnataka contractors' association to Mr. Modi on the 40% commission issue.

"The contractors' association has been writing to the Prime Minister on the commission issue, but there is no answer from Mr. Modi. However, the 82-year-old president of the association, Kempanna, was sent to jail for raising his voice against corruption," he said.

AAP model

Referring to the "AAP model of governance", he said that after coming to power, the AAP government had provided jobs to 12 lakah candidates in Delhi and 27,000 youths in Punjab. "We have provided free electricity and water, free travel to women, and free advanced treatment to people in Delhi hospitals. Karnataka has good potential and if voted to power, we will develop Karnataka as a model State," he said.

Elaborating on what the AAP would do for the people of Karnataka, he said that his party would waive farm loans to prevent farmers' suicides owing to loans and ensure MSP to all the agricultural produce. He also assured of providing jobs to the youth and providing unemployment stipend of ₹3,000 a month till jobs were provided.

On pension scheme

Mr. Mann spoke on the controversy over pension schemes and said that the Punjab government had taken steps for implementing the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and would fight to get back funds taken away from employees in the name of the New Pension Scheme (NPS). President of the AAP campaign committee Mukhyamantri Chandru and State president Prithvi Reddy spoke.

Delhi Chief Minister draws contrast between two raids

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday sought answers from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the arrest of his former Cabinet colleague Manish Sisodia even when nothing was found during a raid on him, while drawing a contrast with the Lokayukta raid in Karnataka during which about ₹8 crore in cash was recovered from the house of a BJP legislator's son.

Mr. Kejriwal questioned Mr. Modi on his silence over the 40% commission allegation by the Karnataka contractors' association. "Along with them, the private schools' association wrote to the Prime Minister on them being harassed by the BJP government in Karnataka. Even 30% commission was demanded to release funds allocated to religious mutts. But there is no response from the Prime Minister. Instead, he sends Mr. Sisodia to jail even when nothing was found during the raid," he said. Referring to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent public speech in Karnataka, in which he vowed to eradicate corruption if BJP comes to power, Mr. Kejriwal said that perhaps Mr. Shah had forgotten that it was his party that was in power in the State.

Congress demands Bommai's resignation, arrest of BJP MLA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the arrest of BJP MLA's son and government officer Prashanth Madal and the seizure of about ₹8 crore from his office and residence by the Karnataka Lokayukta, the Opposition Congress on Saturday held a massive protest in Bengaluru seeking the resignation of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Seeking action: Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah and other Congress leaders being detained by the police during a protest in Bengaluru on Saturday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The arrested officer's father, Madal Virupakshappa, MLA representing Channagiri constituency in Davangere district of the State, on Friday resigned from the post of the chairman of Karnataka Soaps and Detergent Ltd (KSDL) but maintained that he had been "framed" on baseless charges as part of a conspiracy against him.

The party workers led by Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah, AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, and MLAs Priyank Kharge and Krishna Byre Gowda, took out a march to lay siege to the Chief Minister's residence. They were detained on the way by the police, who were deployed in large numbers.

Before the protest march, Mr. Siddaramaiah hit out at the ruling BJP at a public meeting and said, "It is not enough that you arrested Prashanth Madal. You should arrest Madal Virupakshappa immediately." He further said, "The BJP government is plundering the State. The Chief Minister, Ministers, and the chairmen of various boards and corporations have been directed to collect a definite amount. The BJP is set to spend ₹100 crore in each constituency." He criticised Union Home Minister Amit Shah for calling the previous Congress government led by him "an ATM" for national Congress leaders. "Now, Mr. Shah, what will you say about this? You make allegations without any evidence, but here we have proof," the former Chief Minister said.

'A free hand'

Responding to this in Chitradurga, the Chief Minister said the State government was quite clear in that the case would be probed thoroughly and impartially, irrespective of who was involved. The Lokayukta had a free hand to probe, he said. He poohpoohed the demand for his resignation and asked whether Mr. Siddaramaiah, the then Chief Minister, had resigned after a bribe of ₹2 lakh was accepted in a Minister's office in the Vidhana Soudha.

Government responds to protest, offers a one-time 15% hike to NHM employees but they demand regularisation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Responding to the ongoing protest by the National Health Mission (NHM) Insourced Workers' Association, the State government has offered a 15% hike in remuneration for employees with more than 10 years of service. The hike will be applicable with effect from April 1. According to a Government Order issued on Saturday, the State has offered the hike to those with a monthly basic remuneration of less than ₹20,000 at the time of joining. The 15% hike will be a one-time increase over existing remuneration. For NHM contractual specialists, a 5% one-time increase will be given for those with three to five years of service, 10% for those with five to 10 years of service, and 15% for those with more than 10 years of service, the order stated.

Offer rejected

However, the protesting employees have rejected the offer and are firm on their demand for regularisation. "This one-time hike will not even translate into ₹5,000 per employee. Our salaries are abysmally low and it is impossible to make ends meet," said Padma Rekha S., a social worker working under the District Mental Health Programme in Ramanagara.

The strike, which has entered the 21st day, has hit all national health programmes in Karnataka.

Outsourced NHM contract workers, under the banner of the Karnataka State Health and Medical Education Department Contractual and Outsource Employees' Association, are upset that the order does not include them. The employees, who protested from February 6 to 10, have been demanding equal pay for equal work.

GP member from Bidar wins President's honour

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Geeta Vinod Pawar, gram panchayat member of Dhupatmahagao in Bidar district, is among those who won the 'Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman, 2023' presented by President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday.

The award instituted by the Ministry of Jal Shakti honours women champions of rural water and sanitation. The event was organised in the run-up to International Women's Day to felicitate the exceptional and exemplary work being done at the grassroots level by women in the implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission, stated a release.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

In Loving Memory Of

Smt. S. SUBBALAKSHMI
W/o Late Shri. M. Subramaniam, F.C.A
29.10.1929 – 26.2.2023

With profound grief we inform the passing away of our beloved mother on **26.2.2023.** Her demise has created a void. She shall always be remembered fondly for her love and affection

Deeply mourned by

Sons :
Venkata Gurunathan
S.M.S. Mahadevan
Ganesh Vaidyanathan
Guru Krishnakumar

Daughters-in-law
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Grandchildren

Contact : 9176622500, 9841280557

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
M.I & G.W.D. D DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR
No.EE/MID/VJP/AE-3/SCP-TSP , M&R/TND/2022-23/4420 Date: 03.03.2023
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department, Division Vijaypur invites work tenders through "E-Procurement" from eligible contractor on item rate Tender for following works as per KTPP Act-2000 and latest amendments.
SCP Work :- Total 1 Work, Estimated Cost **Rs.7.14 Lakhs**, **Tender Period for the above work is Three(3) Months including monsoon.**
TSP Work :- Total 1 Package Work, Estimated Cost **Rs.40.20 Lakhs**, **Tender Period for the above work is Three(3) Months including monsoon.**
M&R Work :- Total 1 Work, Estimated Cost **Rs.70.45 Lakhs**, **Tender Period for the above work is Six(6) Months including monsoon.**
Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka E-Procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam under login for Contractors from **07/03/2023.** Tenders may be submitted on electronically in E-Procurement portal up to **16-00 hrs.** on **15/03/2023.** Interested contractors information regarding works may be obtained from this office (Ph.No.08352-277188) or e-Procurement helpdesk (Ph.No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227) upto **17.30 hrs.** on **14/03/2023.** Other details can be seen in the tender documents.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
MI & GWDD Division,Vijayapur
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/994/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
Executive Engineer, KNNL, KPC Division No-1, Bidar.
No: EE/KNNL/KPCD-1/TND/Aurad tank filling/PB/2022-23/1497 Dated:04/03/2023
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (ONLY THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM). TWO COVER SYSTEM
Tenders in Electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, K P C Division No.1, Bidar in Two cover system (cover II), from the contractors/firm/company enrolled under KNNL and KPWD of Karnataka State who fulfill the qualifying conditions, for the details mentioned below.
Works Details:-1) Indent No 36212, (KPWD /CPWD Civil Class-I) Amount put to tender Rs. 223.04 Crores (Two Twenty Three crore four Lakhs Only) and EMD amount Rs. 2.64 (Two Crores Sixty four Lakhs only).
Scheduled date: a) access to the e-tender document: From 04/03/2023 16.00 Hrs to 13/03/2023 up to 16.00 Hrs, b)Cost of Tender form and EMD: as per e-procurement, c)Pre bid meeting:08/03/2023 at 11.00 Hrs, last date to submit tender document: 13/03/2023 up to 16.00 Hrs, d) Opening of Technical Bid (Two Cover) :Date:14/03/2023, 17.00 Hrs, e) Opening of Financial(Two cover) Bid:date:16/03/2023 @ 11.00 hrs.
All details & information can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours (Phone No- 08482-226490) and visit website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
DIPR/Bidar/509/MC&A/2022-23
Sd/- Executive Engineer
KNNL, KPC, Division no-1, Bidar.

OFFICE OF THE KAKATIYA URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, WARANGAL
H.No. : 6-1-240, KUDA Road, Hanumakonda.
Roc.No. : C3/575/2022 Dt : 04-03-2023
CORRIGENDUM OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(Published on 26-02-2023)
Extended the time for submission of pre bid queries upto 06.03.2023 before 5 pm and RFP document to on or before 1.00 pm, 13-03-2023 for appointment of Consultant for development of Integrated Bus Terminal - cum-Commercial Complex in the existing Warangal Bus Station over an extent of 3½ acres. The RFP document can be downloaded from www.eprocurement.telangana.gov.in. Other details provided in the RFP document.
DIPR No. : 1352-PP/CL-Agency/Advt./1/2022-23
Sd/- Vice Chairman, KUDA

TIDEL PARK LTD.
(An ISO 9001/14001 Company)
CIN No.U74999TN1997PLC039523
No.4, RAJIV GANDHI SALAI, TARAMANI, CHENNAI - 600 113
Ph: 044-22540500/501; Mail: tenders@tidelpark.com Website: www.tidelpark.com
Tender No: TIDEL/2022-2023/09
TIDEL invites "E-Tender for the proposed construction of IT Office Building Ground +3 Floors+Terrace including Civil Construction, HVAC, Electrical HT/LT, DG Sets, IBMS, Fire Protection, Plumbing, Structural Façade, Landscaping, STP, WTP & External Works at Pillayarpatti Village, Thanjavur District".
For more details and participation in the above E-Tender, please visit the website **https:/www.tntenders.gov.in/.** Last date for online submission of duly filled in tender documents is **3.00 p.m. on 05.04.2023**. TIDEL reserves the right to accept /reject any one/all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
DIPR/1439/TENDER/2023
Managing Director
சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம். சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, (Project Central-08), Ground Floor, Annexe-2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.
No.EE/PC-8/TEND/01/2022-23 Date: 04-03-2023
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Short Term Tender Notification)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)
The Executive Engineer, Project Central-8, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Amount Put to tender (₹. in Crs)	EMD (₹. in Lakhs)
1.	**Providing White Topping to Laggere Main Road from Aladamara Circle to Pipe Line Road, Bengaluru.**	**23.14**	**23.14**

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of queries is : **09-03-2023 upto 5:30 p.m. (2)** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **10-03-2023 at 4:00** p.m. in the office of the Chief Engineer Project-Central. **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **5:30 p.m. on 13-03-2023** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(4)** Technical Bids will be opened on **15-03-2023 at 11:00 a.m. (5)** Corrigendum's / Modifications / Corrections / addendum, if any, will be published in the e-Procurement Portal only. **(6)** This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP website: www.bbmp.gov.in. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/-, Executive Engineer, (Project Central-08), BBMP.

Sanitised, so we don't see them around

The sanitation workers of Dharmapuri pick up human excreta daily — an inhuman job that also has administrative corruption and caste bias built into it; workers speak out about how the administration treats them on a daily basis, and why an articulation of rights is seen as insubordination

SPECIAL

P.V. Srividya
DHARMAPURI

Systemic malignancy: Superficial facelifts to public toilets fail to reckon with the structural inadequacies of archaic plumbing, levelling of Indian basins and inconsistent water supply perpetuating manual scavenging. N. BASHKARAN

A man is squatting over a clogged toilet scooping out human faeces with a small mug and pouring it into a bucket. The stomach-churning video dated October 2022 was shot at the public toilet of Ambedkar colony for Adi Dravidars under Marandahalli town panchayat in Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu.

The clip recorded by one of the sanitation workers to show proof of work as 'before and after cleaning', however, got leaked this January. The men in the video were the 'old timers' – accustomed to this 'job', under the town panchayat administration.

But for Mariappan, in his 30s, the first time he scooped up human faeces, he vomited. "He still vomits," said another woman, poking his arm and giggling. That was a little over two years ago, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

After his mother Palaniammal's passing, Mariappan got his job on 'compassionate grounds', under the Tamil Nadu government's 'heir employment' practice. Palaniammal was a sanitation worker of the town panchayat, cleaning latrines for the Marandahalli town panchayat for over 23 years.

Until 2018, even after the passage of Manual Scavenging laws in 2013, every Saturday, the town panchayat administration would gather its sanitation workers at the village grounds to clean the human faeces collected over the week from open defecation, in order to prepare the grounds for Sunday's village market.

Dehumanising ordeal

"The workers believed it was their job to clean human faeces," says R. Selvam, joint secretary, Ooraga Valarchi Ullatchi Thurai Thozhilalargal Sangam, a labour union that's an affiliate of Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU). "It wasn't easy to organise them, to make them believe it was a grave violation. We fought, forcing the town panchayat to build a public toilet there," he says.

However, as the video shows, cleaning faeces has only shifted from the village ground to the town panchayat toilets, invisibilising manual scavenging within the public toilet's confines. On January 29, a day before Untouchability Eradication Day, the sanitation workers gathered at the Government Boys Higher Secondary School. They had just come out of a meeting with the town panchayat clerk Sabhari, who had asked them to sign a declaration that they would not engage in manual scavenging.

"We said we won't sign it. There had been a similar circular sent out last year. We signed it then. After that, it was they who sent us to clean the colony toilet and now when the video came out, they are saying they will punish us for manual scavenging, as if we take pleasure in it," said Govindaraj, one of the men in the video.

Layers of precarity

In the disquiet of that meeting, the multiple layers of the precarity of sanitation workers' lives were bared.

To get this job Mariappan was asked to pay ₹5.5 lakh to 'push his case', says Govindaraj. The family borrowed money from everywhere. "We handed over the money to clerk Sampath and sweeper Viji [a go-between at the town panchayat office functioning as a clerical 'assistant']," alleges Govindaraj.

Two years later, the family is caught in a debt spiral trying to pay off the 5% interest. "His salary of ₹19,000 goes into paying off the interest. How do we take care of our three children," asks his wife. The family is still unaware of how much was owed to Palaniammal by way of a final settlement. "When we ask the present clerk Sabhari to move the file for details, he asked for ₹40,000," says an angry Govindaraj.

Treated as only seasonal contract workers despite the permanent nature of sanitation work, they get paid ₹353 per day, with wage cuts for holidays and festivals, and no benefits.

Flaws in the toilet infra

Public toilets built decades ago have Indian basins embedded at the floor level, leaving little elevation from the septic tanks. An Indian toilet basin should have a one-foot elevation for clear flush and flow to prevent clogging, says a municipal engineer.

The archaic plumbing systems and inconsistent water supply add to the clogging. Public toilets, intended to curb open defecation, have both invisibilised and institutionalised manual scavenging.

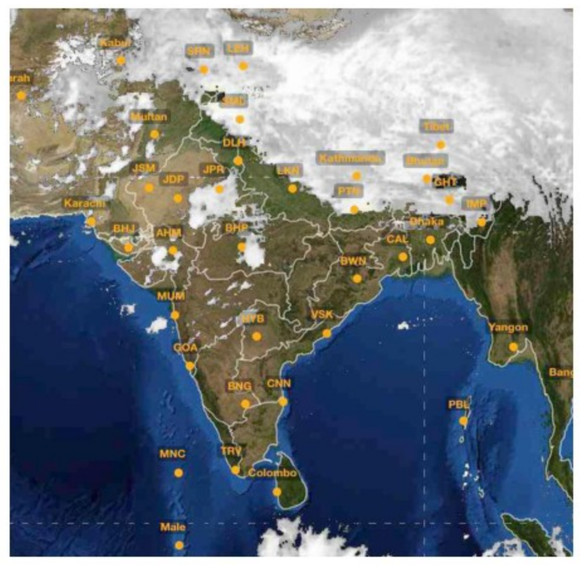
Without addressing the structural flaws, the toilets are painted and tiles repaired. For instance, the toilet that figured in the video, was contracted out for renovation at ₹4 lakh. "The basins were fine. We only had to repair the broken tiles on the walls, and paint the toilet," the contractor said. *The Hindu* visited the toilet given a facelift with fresh paint and replaced tiles in parts. However it had a cracked toilet basin left untouched.

Town panchayat executive officer Sitheraikani said, "The toilet was contracted for renovation. They didn't have to clean it. Even if they did, why did they have to put their hand inside to clean it. Couldn't they have just poured water for it to flush down." Later, he claimed the workers might have brought the faeces in a bucket from somewhere just to spite him. The odds are stacked against the workers.

A 'polluting' occupation in a caste-graded social order; white collar solidarity of a vindictive officialdom that acts with impunity, the precarity of contractual employment; the below-subsistence level wages and corruption; and the threat of memos, charges, and suspension of the permanent employees has made collective bargaining difficult.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Rajasthan, west Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Marathwada and central Maharashtra

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.6	18.0	Kozhikode	—	35.8	23.6
Ahmedabad	—	38.2	22.5	Kurnool	—	37.3	20.4
Aizawl	—	32.6	11.8	Lucknow	—	32.3	17.7
Allahabad	—	34.0	17.2	Madurai	—	35.8	20.3
Bengaluru	—	32.4	16.5	Mangaluru	—	36.6	20.8
Bhopal	—	—	18.0	Mumbai	—	37.0	22.6
Bhubaneswar	—	38.5	20.8	Mysuru	—	32.4	14.1
Chandigarh	—	28.8	14.7	New Delhi	—	29.7	16.3
Chennai	—	33.8	21.5	Patna	—	33.6	18.7
Coimbatore	—	34.2	18.6	Port Blair	—	31.4	24.6
Dehradun	—	29.6	13.7	Puducherry	—	34.2	19.9
Gangtok	—	18.4	11.9	Pune	—	35.3	19.9
Goa	—	37.6	22.1	Raipur	—	37.5	19.6
Guwahati	—	32.6	16.0	Ranchi	—	31.8	18.0
Hubballi	—	36.0	19.0	Shillong	—	21.1	11.0
Hyderabad	—	34.0	20.1	Shimla	—	20.0	9.7
Imphal	—	29.5	11.3	Srinagar	0.6	16.6	6.4
Jaipur	—	31.1	20.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	35.3	23.2
Kochi	—	31.6	24.6	Tiruchi	—	34.5	21.4
Kohima	—	22.0	11.0	Vijayawada	—	35.8	21.6
Kolkata	—	34.3	22.5	Visakhapatnam	—	34.9	24.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.12	..—	.35	...219	...173	
Bengaluru	...8	101	.40	58	97	
Chennai	.26	..—	.52	...198	...139	
Delhi	.18	..54	.39	...219	...168	
Hyderabad	...5	..59	.49	...162	...153	
Kolkata	.56	..47	.20	...126	...160	
Lucknow	.26	..56	.45	...192	...157	
Mumbai	.76	351	112	...270	...206	
Pune	.94	141	114	...271	...162	
Visakhapatnam	.10	..65	.38	...181	...209	

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES ZONE, KOTA

S.No: F.77/CEWRZ/KT/e-NIB-20/2022-23/ Date: 22.02.2023

e-NIB No.- 20/2022-23

Bid for Survey, Design, Construction, Operation, Maintenance & Management of Solar based Micro Irrigation Project on EPC single responsibility turnkey basis at (I) KHAM-9 (Amjhar) (160Ha CCA) & (ii) KHAM-14(Kherli) (95 Ha CCA), Block Khalrabad District Kota and its O&M for a period of 8 years is invited from interested bidders from 24.02.2023 (9:30 Hr) to 16.03.2023 till 18:00 Hr. Other particulars, terms & Conditions may be seen on the procurement portal https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & https://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.waterrajasthan.gov.in.

NIB No. WRD2223A0715
UBN No. WRD2223WSOB02713

Chief Engineer
DIPR/C/3224 **Water Resources Zone, Kota**

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Executive Engineer, K.R.Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO : 31/2022-23 Dated: 28-02-2023

The Executive Engineer, K.R. Sagara Division, K.R. Sagara, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist. on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL Mysore has invited tender through e-procurement **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work **Selection of Agency for collection of USER FEE (Entry fee to Brindavan Gardens with Camere Fee from Visitors, Parking fee & Downstream Bridge Toll) through the collecting agency** Any further information Or Clarification for the above said work including last date, opening date, Pre-bid meeting date, EMD, etc., can be obtained from above mentioned office during the office hours & from the above said website.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
K.R.Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Right Bank Canal Division, Holenarasipura - 573211

Short term Tender Notification No. 23/2022-23
Dated: 02.03.2023

Item ratetender is invited through e-procurement portal only for the below mentioned work in two cover system as per KW-4 Format by the Executive Engineer, HemavathyRight Bank canal Division, Holenarasipura Hassan Dist., Karnataka State on behalf of the Managing Director, Cauvery NeeravariNigama Limited, Bangalore from the eligible Contractors of KPWD/CPWD/Other Public Sector Organizations. The details of events are below. 1.Tender processing charges (in Rs.) :Refer as per e-Procurement. 2.The contractor can have access to e-tender document from 03.03.2023 to 10.03.2023up to 4.00 pm. 3.Last date for submission of tender is 10.03.2023 up to 4.00 pm. 4.A Pre-bid meeting is convened on 06.03.2023 at 11.30 AM in the office of the Chief Engineer, Hemavathy project Gorur. All the queries will be answered in the pre-bid meeting. 5.Cover –I (Technical bid) will be opened in the office of Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathi right bank canal division Holenarasipuraon 13.03.2023at 11.00 AM. 6.Cover –II (Financial bid)14.03.2023or after approval of technical bid. 7.No. of work: 01Work 8.Nature of work: CC road work 9.Cost of work: Rs. 101.50 lakhs. 10.EMD: Rs. 1.52 lakhs. 11.Class of Contractor:Class-II and above. Note:- 1.The under signed reserves rights to reject or accept the tenders at any time without giving any reasons. 2.The amount put to tender is subject to variation and the details of tender can be had in the e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, HRBC Division,
ಮಾಸಾಸಂ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/1185/2022–23 **Holenarasipura**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my clients **(1) Sri. MADHU.N,** S/o. Late Sri.H.Narayana Swamy, Aged about 47 years, **(2) Sri. KIRAN KUMAR.N,** S/o. Late Sri.H.Narayana Swamy, Aged about 44 years, Both are Residing at No.5, Gurumurthy Street, Ulsoor, Bangalore-56 0008 are the true and absolute joint owners of the Schedule Property they having acquired the same by inheritance/succession from their mother Late Smt.N.Aruna and they had misplaced/lost in transit the **(i) Registered Sale Deed dated 08.02.2010, Registered as Document No.INR-1-01085/2009-10, of Book-1, Stored in INRD11, Registered in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar Indiranagar, Bangalore executed by Mrs.Vasantha W/o.Sri.C.M.Kothandan in favor of Smt.N.Aruna (ii) Registered Gift Deed dated 04.02.2005, Registered as Document No.5511/2004-05, of Book-1, Stored in CD No.SHVD28, Registered in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar Shivajinagar, Bangalore executed by Sri.C.M.Kothandan in favor of Mrs.Vasantha (iii) Registered Sale Deed dated 04.02.1972, Registered as Document No.3812/1971-72, of Book-1, Volume No.1687, Written at Pages 210 to 213, Registered in the office of the Sub Registrar Shivajinagar, Bangalore executed by Sri.Sheik Mohideen Saheb in favor of Sri.C.M.Kothandan (iv) BBMP Khatha Certificate and Extracts, (v) Encumbrances Certificates & (vi) Tax Paid Receipts**, when my clients had gone to take some Xerox/Photo copying of the said original documents on 21.02.2023 at Jogupalya Main Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore and my clients have lodged a Police Complaint to the said effect before the Ulsoor Police Station on 21.02.2023, hence if any person/s finds the Original Documents, they may be kindly handed over to the above named persons or to the under mentioned and the finders will be duly rewarded.

The General Public is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with any strangers or person/s in respect of the subject property, without prior intimation to my clients, if done so they will be doing so at their own risk and consequences.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Immovable Property being the Land and building bearing Corporation New No.99, Situated at G No.8th Street, Jogupalya, Ulsoor, Bangalore (Formerly Southern Half Portion of the Vacant Site No.2, Forming part of Sy No.31, Situated then called Ulsoor Village, Bangalore) Now falling with in the folds of BBMP Ward No.75, and assigned New PID No.75-10-99, Bangalore and measuring East to West: 35 Feet and North to South: 15 Feet, totally measuring 525 Square Feet, together with the Residential standing thereon in the Ground, First and Second Floors and bounded on the :-

East by : 18 Feet Main Road; **West by :** Property of Smt.Byamma;
North by : Northern Half of Site No.2 Sold to M.Velu; **South by :** Site No.1.

DATED: 05/03/2023 **VELLANKI RAVI, ADVOCATE**
321, 1st Floor, C.M.H. Road, Indiranagar,
Bangalore – 560 038, Tel: 98441 21658 (Mobile)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Udupi
"Rajathadri", C Block, 1st Floor, Room No. C-205, Manipal, Udupi.

No. EE/PRED/Tender No. 27/2022-23/AE-2 Dated: 02.03.2023

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of Governor of Karnataka in "TWO COVER SYSTEM" through Government of Karnataka e-procurement portal WEB site https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for 01 no. of package work costing Rs. 500.00 Lakhs sanctioned under "3054 Lumpsum Grant". The contractors who meets the requirement of Standard Tender Documents KW-4 are eligible to apply for this tender.

Calendar of Events

1. The Contractor can download the Tender Document from : 02.03.2023
2. Last Date for Submission of tenders : 13.03.2023 Up to 04.00 PM.
3. Pre-bid meeting Date : 06.03.2023 at 11.00 AM
   Place : Office of the Executive Engineer, PRED, Udupi, Rajathadri, Manipal, Jilla Panchayath Building, "C" Block, 1st Floor
4. Opening of Technical Bid for the Tenders : 14.03.2023 After 4.30 PM.
5. Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender : 15.03.2023 After 11.00 AM.

The blank tender documents can be viewed or downloaded from E-proc portal. Details of work/eligibility of contractor/ Tender processing fees/dates of events etc. can be had from website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Further information can be had from the undersigned during office hours. Right of acceptance of tender is reserved.

E-proc portal helpdesk: 080-22371090 / 22373788
Hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com

Sd/-, Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Udupi

Government of Karnataka Zilla Panchayath, Chitradurga
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Chitradurga
e-mail: zped_cta@yahoo.com zped.cta@gmail.com Ph: 08194-222372
No. P.R.E.D./CD/EE/TS/Tender/2022-23/4250 Date:28.02.2023

Short-Term Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Short-Term Tender is invited for 10 works approved under various schemes in the limits of Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chitradurga of Chitradurga District and Approx. Amount of Tender Minimum Rs. 7.85 lakhs, Maximum Rs. 150.00 lakhs and dates are as below: Last date and time for obtaining information regarding the Tender 06.03.2023 : 16.00 Hrs. Last date and time for submission of Tender 07.03.2023 : 16.00 Hrs. Date and time for opening Technical Bid 08.03.2023 : 16.01 Hrs. Date and time for opening Financial Bid 09.03.2023 : 16.02 Hrs. For further information regarding the Tender visit website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact e-proc Help Desk Phone No.: 080-25501216, 080-22501227 or phone no.: 08194-222372, Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga during office hours.

RO.No.1082:DIPR/ CTA/KSMCA/2022-23
Sd/- Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer-6, Solid Waste Management, 4th Floor Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.
No: BBMP/EE-6/SWM/TEND/15/2022-23 Date: 04.03.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer-6, (SWM) invites tender from eligible bidders/agencies/firms/contractors for the works detailed in the table below.

Name of the Works	Approx. Amount put to tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (₹. in Lakhs)
Supply of E Bike with 72V 30.5 AH Lithium-Ion 60 Watt motor inclusive of GST. Cost for Registration, modifications like crash guard, stickering, beacon lights etc., and for emergency tools emergency torch, Fire extinguisher Kit etc.,	423.11	6.34
Supply of Water Sprinkler of Capacity 9000 Liters for fire extinguisher (For Garbage Burning Spots) in BBMP Limits inclusive of GST. Cost for Modifications like crash guard, stickering, beacon lights etc., and for emergency tools emergency torch, Fire extinguisher Kit etc.,	324.00	4.86

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GeM portal of GOK from **06.03.2023** . (2) Tenders must be submitted online through GeM portal on or before **16.03.2023** upto **5:30** pm. (3) Availability of request for Proposal Document from **06.03.2023** from **4:00** pm onwards. (4) Date for Receipt of Queries **13.03.2023** upto **4:00** pm. (5) Last date for uploading the Filled proposal is **16.03.2023** upto **5:30** pm. (6) Date of opening of Technical Proposals is **16.03.2023** after **4:00** pm. (7) Date of opening of Financial Proposal after approval to Technical Proposals through GeM portal. (8) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website:**https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer-6,
Solid Waste Management

BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Civil Engineering Department, Central Office, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560027.
No.BMTC/CO/CE/EE/1441/2022-23 Dated: 03.03.2023

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 29/2022-23

Item rate tenders are invited for the works of **(1) "Construction of Fire Hydrant drive way in Koramangala TTMC, Bengaluru".-** Approximate amount put to tender is **Rs. 79.30 Lakhs** and EMD is **Rs. 1,58,600 /-. (2) "Annual maintenance works at Domlur TTMC Bengaluru for the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024 (12 months)" -** Approximate amount put to tender is **Rs. 20.21 Lakhs** and EMD is **Rs. 50,000 /-** and **(3) "Annual maintenance works at Yeshawanthapura TTMC Bengaluru for the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024 (12 months)" -** Approximate amount put to tender is **Rs. 23.47 Lakhs** and EMD is **Rs. 50,000 /-.** The tenders are invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement ordinance of 2000, and Act 2000, from Civil Contractors/Firms registered in Karnataka CPWD/MES and KPWD. The contractors/firms will have to upload all informations, documents and rates etc in e-procurement website only. i.e. **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** No documents will be accepted in person physically. (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **13.03.2023**, Date of opening of tender : **15.03.2023.** (2) Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer during working hours or through website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BMTC.

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग बीकानेर
क्रमांक: 3224 दिनांक: 24.02.2023
अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या 06/पीएमजीएसवाई-III/बैच-II 2022-23
NIB No. PWD2223A4357

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से प्रधानमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजनान्तर्गत स्वीकृत सड़कों के चौड़ाईकरण एवं सुदृढीकरण कार्य के निम्नलिखित कार्यों मय पांच साल की मरम्मत के लिए 26 पैकेजों हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/ केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/ रेलवे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया से ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेबसाईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in व http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in व http://pmgsytendersraj.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। पैकेजवाईज यू.बी.एन संख्या निम्नानुसार है

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PWD2223WLOB17066	PWD2223WLOB17088	PWD2223WSOB17123
PWD2223WLOB17067	PWD2223WLOB17093	PWD2223WLOB17124
PWD2223WLOB17068	PWD2223WLOB17096	PWD2223WLOB17125
PWD2223WLOB17069	PWD2223WSOB17100	PWD2223WSOB17126
PWD2223WLOB17071	PWD2223WSOB17104	PWD2223WSOB17127
PWD2223WLOB17072	PWD2223WSOB17108	PWD2223WSOB17129
PWD2223WSOB17076	PWD2223WLOB17111	PWD2223WLOB17131
PWD2223WLOB17080	PWD2223WLOB17116	

इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाईट http://pmgsytendersraj.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड होना आवश्यक है।

(सुनील कुमार कालानी) अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता,
DIPR/C/3313/2022 सा.नि.वि. संभाग बीकानेर

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Lakes - Mahadevpura), Room No.306, 3rd Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE(MDP-Lakes)/Tend-15/2022-23 Date: 04-03-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer (Lakes - Mahadevpura), BBMP for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Providing Chain Link Fencing to Balance Reach at Nallurahalli Lake Zone. **(Call-2)**	**75.00**	**1.50**

Calendar of Events: 1) The Bid Documents can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 05-03-2023. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **09-03-2023 at 15.00 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer (MDP-Lakes), BBMP. 3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 15.03.2023. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **16-03-2023 at 16.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer (MDP-Lakes), BBMP.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Lakes - Mahadevpura), BBMP.

Lessons for key parties from Tripura election

There has been an endorsement of the ruling alliances in all three States that went to the polls, with varying degrees of assertiveness. In Tripura, the biggest beneficiary has been TIPRA Motha

Sandeep Shastri
Suhas Palshikar
Sanjay Kumar

The pattern in the electoral outcomes in the States which went to the polls in the northeast appears similar in important ways. There has clearly been an endorsement of the ruling alliances in all the three States, with varying degrees of assertiveness. In Tripura, the BJP-led coalition returned to power with a smaller majority and a 10 percentage point decline in its vote share as compared with its first historic win here in 2018. The alliance of the Left and Congress came a distant second, witnessing both a marginal fall in seat share and a 10 percentage point drop in vote share as compared with 2018. The beneficiary of this decline in vote and seat share of both the BJP-led alliance and the Left-Congress alliance has been the new player in State politics, the TIPRA Motha, which secured close to 20% of the votes and came a close third with 13 seats (Table 1).

The Lokniti-CSDS post-poll survey in Tripura provides key insights in explaining the results and the mood of the voter. It is clear that the individual candidates played a minor role in defining voter choice. For those who voted for the BJP and the Left-led alliances, the party seemed to be the most important factor, with more than half the respondents indicating the same.

TIPRA supporters

Supporters of the TIPRA Motha took a distinctly different stand. While one-fourth of the respondents who voted for this party said that both party and candidate were an important consideration, another two in 10 said it was the party, and one in 10 said it was the candidate. However, what made supporters of the TIPRA Motha different was the fact that for two in 10 respondents, the leadership of the party chief, Pradyot Bikram Manikya Deb Barma, was the key factor, and for another two in 10, the caste/tribe factor was crucial.

It is important to record that in 2021, the TIPRA Motha swept to power in the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections (see Table 2). Thus, while the BJP-led alliance was endorsed for a second term, the new player on the block is clearly the TIPRA Motha. The main goal of the party is the creation of the State of Greater Tipraland. For a new entrant, to garner nearly 20% vote in its debut election is a critical feat. As the piece on caste-community basis shows, this was made possible by the huge support the TIPRA Motha received from the State's tribal voters.

It is also important to note that the TIPRA Motha's supporters were a little more likely to say that they decided on their choice before the start of the campaign (Table 3 and 4).

The BJP-led alliance appeared to have a better strategy to reach out to voters as two-thirds of the respondents indicated that someone reached out to them during the campaign. It is interesting that only one-fourth of the respondents said that a supporter of TIPRA Motha approached them on behalf of the party. This could also imply that the TIPRA Motha had a concentrated area of campaign and focused on those areas where they saw the potential for support (Table 5).

The BJP-led alliance drew stronger support among women with close to half the women respondents voting in its favour with a handsome gender advantage of 13%. Among the first-time voters, the Left-led alliance seemed to have higher levels of support. The Motha drew very little support among first-time voters. Support for the BJP-led alliance declined as the access to education improved. On the other hand, the vote share of the Left-led alliance increased as one moved from the less affluent to the economically better off. It is also important to record that over one-third of the poor voters favoured the TIPRA Motha (see Table 6). However, this may be more because of the economically weaker condition of the Adivasis who backed the party.

Three indicators

The Tripura verdict has three clear indicators. The BJP-led alliance continues to enjoy popular support, though there is a visible decline as compared with 2018. Second, the new player in State politics, the TIPRA Motha, has clearly signalled its presence. Third, the Left-Congress alliance were unable to secure any major electoral gains by coming together.

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Table 1: Parties' performance in Tripura Assembly election 2023

	Party voted in Assembly election			
Parties	Seats won	Change from 2018	Vote (%)	Change from 2018 (%)
BJP+IPFT	33	-11	40.15	-10.82
Left+INC	14	-2	36.01	-10.13
TIPRA Motha	13	13	19.69	+19.69
Other parties	0	0	4.15	+1.26

Table 2: Party was the important consideration while voting for BJP+IPFT & Left+INC alliance; for Motha voters leader and caste factors were equally important (%)

	What mattered to voters while making voting decision				
	Party	Candidate	Both	Leader/CM	Caste/Tribe
Overall	47	12	24	6	5
Among BJP+IPFT voters	52	14	24	4	1
Among Left+INC voters	58	11	25	1	1
Among TIPRA Motha voter	20	10	26	21	21
Among voters of others parties	42	17	15	0	5

Note: Rest gave no response. Question asked: While deciding whom to vote for in the recent assembly election, what mattered to you more — party or candidate?

Table 3: Party campaign was not that significant in the Tripura election as three in five made up their minds even before the campaign started (%)

	2023	2018
Last minute decider	12	5
During the campaign	21	32
Before the campaign started	60	50
After candidates were declared	4	6
Can't say/No response	3	7

Question asked: When did you finally make up your mind about whom to vote for?

Table 4: When voters of different parties decided (%)

	Last minute deciders	During the campaign	Before the campaign started	After candidates were declared
Overall	12	21	60	4
BJP+IPFT	11	25	59	2
Left+INC	16	17	59	4
TIPRA Motha	3	25	66	6
Others	39	7	37	15

Note: Rest gave no response. Question asked: When did you finally make up your mind about whom to vote for?

Table 5: BJP+IPFT party workers reached out to voters; two-thirds voters confirmed alliance's reach

	% of voters contacted by the party canvasser
BJP+ITFT	65
Left+INC	56
TIPRA Motha	26
Trinamool	15
Others	39

Question asked: Did any candidate, party worker or canvasser from different parties come to your house during the campaign to ask for your vote?

Table 6: Vote by demographics (%)

	Party voted for in Tripura Assembly election			
	BJP+IPFT	Left+INC	TIPRA Motha	Others
Men	34	39	21	6
Women	47	33	18	2
Up to 25 years	33	41	10	16
26-35 years	47	26	24	3
36-45 years	37	46	16	1
46-55 years	35	39	21	5
56 years and above	45	30	25	0
Non literate	46	40	10	4
Up to primary	43	33	23	1
Up to matric	42	32	25	1
College and above	32	41	14	13
Rural	38	35	25	2
Urban	49	41	1	9
Poor	30	33	36	1
Lower	44	34	20	2
Middle	46	38	14	2
Upper class	36	41	7	16

State witnesses a three-way division of voters on community lines

Suhas Palshikar

With the Left Front and the Congress coming together, there was some expectation that it would dent the larger social coalition shaped by the BJP in Tripura.

Like almost everywhere else, the BJP has been attempting to shape a 'Hindu coalition' by attracting all sections of the Hindu community. What is hidden in its current success, however, is the limitation of this effort. In fact, Tripura witnessed a three-way division of voters on community lines: the non-tribal Hindus voting mostly for the BJP, the Adivasis voting primarily for the TIPRA Motha party and the Muslims voting for the Left-Congress alliance (Table 1).

Adivasi population

More than half of the upper caste voters and the Scheduled Caste voters chose the BJP, while almost two in three OBCs voted in its favour. In a State where the Adivasi population accounts for almost one-third of the total population, the inability of the BJP to attract these votes was the main obstacle in the party's dream of posting a sweeping victory. This limitation will also become a major hurdle for the BJP in formulating policies that would satisfy the Adivasi population and meet its demands.

With handsome support from the Adivasis, the TIPRA Motha has emerged as their main spokesperson. While almost one in two Hindu upper caste voter and close to two in three OBC voter think that the BJP is a better option for protecting their interests, an overwhelming majority of 93% Adivasis think similarly of the TIPRA Motha (Table 2).

This also indicates the fracture in the Tripura society and the difficulty in reconciling the interests of the Adivasis and rest of the Hindu supporters of the BJP.

The Tipraland factor

Voters are divided over the question of Greater Tipraland. While close to three-fourths are aware of this demand, support for the same comes almost exclusively from the Adivasis – over 90% Adivasis fully support the demand and among upper castes, OBCs and SCs, there is considerable opposition to it (Table 3). This is reflected in the voting choice of different communities, with supporters of Greater Tipraland mostly voting for the TIPRA Motha, while the opponents split between the BJP and the Left-Congress alliance (Table 4).

The 9% Muslims in the State are unable to see either the BJP or the TIPRA Motha as their ally. As a result, they remain isolated and without much political energy in State politics. The entry of the TIPRA Motha has changed the political landscape of the State by clearly pitting the Adivasis against the non-Adivasis of the state.

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Table 1: Vote by caste/community (row percentages)

	Party voted for in 2023			
	BJP+IPFT	Left+INC	TIPRA Motha	Others
Hindu upper caste	53	34	1	12
Hindu OBC	63	36	1	<1
Hindu Dalit	54	43	<1	3
Hindu ST	10	<1	90	<1
Muslims	12	81	2	5

Note: Christians are not included here and other tables since their share in the sample was very small

Table 2: Party best for taking care of the interest of one's community (%)

	Which party is best suited to take care of the interest of your community				
	BJP	IPFT	Left	INC	TIPRA Motha
Overall	**39**	**1**	**25**	**1**	**21**
Hindu upper caste	55	3	24	3	<1
Hindu OBC	61	<1	15	<1	<1
Hindu Dalit	53	<1	33	2	<1
Hindu ST	6	<1	<1	<1	93
Muslims	10	3	63	3	2

Note: Row totals do not add up to 100. Rest either gave no response or gave names of other smaller parties. Question asked: According to you which party is best suited to take care of the interest of your community?

Table 3: Support for Greater Tipraland mostly among Scheduled Tribes (row percentages)

	Fully support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Fully oppose
Overall	**30**	**7**	**13**	**43**
Hindu upper caste	11	8	17	62
Hindu OBC	4	1	12	64
Hindu Dalit	1	9	21	50
Hindu ST	92	6	2	<1
Muslims	5	8	18	66

Note: Row totals do not add up to 100. Rest gave no response. Question asked: Do you support or oppose this demand of a separate State 'Greater Tipraland?

Table 4: Support for Greater Tipraland and vote choice (row percentages)

	Party voted in Assembly election 2023			
Support for 'Greater Tipraland'	BJP+IPFT	Left+INC	TIPRA Motha	Others
Fully support (30%)	6	3	88	4
Somewhat support (7%)	53	36	11	<1
Somewhat oppose (13%)	49	50	1	<1
Fully oppose (43%)	44	49	0	8

Note: Rest gave no response. Figures in parenthesis is the overall support or oppose. Question asked: Do you support or oppose this demand of a separate State 'Greater Tipraland?

Reaping the benefit

Proportion of beneficiaries of Central government schemes (%)

	Benefitted	Not benefitted	Not heard	Not eligible
Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	8	55	9	25
Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)	29	57	5	7
MNREGA	59	30	3	7
Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)	10	69	13	6
Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)	30	54	8	6
Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)	19	66	7	6

Note: The rest did not respond. **Question asked:** Now I am going to name a few Central government schemes and programmes which the Central government has initiated for the benefit of the people. During the past five years have you or your family benefited from these schemes?

Proportion of beneficiaries of State government schemes (%)

	Benefitted	Not benefitted	Not heard	Not eligible
Angan Ban Prakalpa (Utilisation of waste land)	3	45	26	22
Tripura State Government Housing Scheme	16	48	20	13
Tripura Health Assistance Scheme for Poor	10	54	21	11
Tripura Skill Development Programme	5	49	23	19
Pre Matric Scholarship	10	38	10	42
Tripura Kishori Suchita Abhiyan(free sanitary napkin to all girls from class 6th to 12th)	3	36	16	43
Tripura Mukhyamantri Yuba Yogayog Yojana (₹ 5,000 to undergraduate students to buy smartphones)	3	33	17	46
Mukhyamantri Matru Pushti Uphaar Scheme (free nutrition kits to pregnant and lactating mother)	5	40	15	37

Note: The rest did not respond. **Question asked:** Now I am going to name a few State government schemes and programmes which the State government has initiated for the benefit of the people. During the past five years have you or your family benefitted from these schemes?

Performance of State government (%)

Performance of	Ruling BJP+IPFT state government 2023	CPI(M)-led Left Front government 2018
Fully satisfied	23	25
Somewhat satisfied	30	30
Somewhat dissatisfied	16	13
Fully dissatisfied	27	31
No response	4	2

Note: The rest did not respond.

Performance of Central government (%)

Performance of	Central government
Fully satisfied	25
Somewhat satisfied	31
Somewhat dissatisfied	17
Fully dissatisfied	23
No response	4

Note: The rest did not respond.

Which government is better- the present BJP+IPFT-led State government or the previous CPI (M)-led Left Front

Which government is better	%
BJP+IPFT government	36
Left government	30
Both equally good	11
Both equally bad	16
No opinion	7

Question asked: If you compare the present BJP+IPFT led State government in Tripura with the previous CPM-led Left Front, which one of the two is better for Tripura?

Most important voting issue (%)

Most important voting issue	2023
Unemployment	27
Lack of development	24
Poverty	12
Lack of good governance	6
Price rise	4
Crime/poor law and order	4
Corruption	2
Poor roads or transportation, etc.	2
Poor economic growth	2
Others	11

Note: Rest gave no response. **Question asked:** What was the most important issue for you while deciding who to vote for in this Assembly election?

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Most important issue by vote choice (%)

	Party voted for in 2023			
Important voting issues	BJP+IPFT	Left+INC	TIPRA Motha	Others
Unemployment	38	35	19	8
Lack of development	44	28	24	4
Poverty	37	48	15	<1
Lack of good governance	18	28	49	5

Note: Only top 4 issues have been given. Rest stated other issues.
Question: What was the most important issue while deciding whom to vote for?

Development of Tripura & their vote choice (%)

	Party voted in Assembly election 2023			
Development of Tripura	BJP+IPFT	Left+INC	TIPRA Motha	Others
Improved(42)	69	20	6	5
Remained same(43)	25	43	30	2
Deteriorated(14)	4	67	25	4

Note: Rest gave no response. Figures in parenthesis provide overall proportion of those who said that the condition had improved, remained same or deteriorated. **Question:** Has development of Tripura improved, deteriorated or remained the same in the past five years?

Brus become visible, but their fight for identity continues

The government has seemingly done remarkable work regarding the settlement of the tribe members, providing them basic facilities and livelihood. Most of the voters seemed extremely enthusiastic about having voted in these elections

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A large majority of voters in Tripura were eagerly waiting for the election results to see which party will form the government. However, the concern for the people belonging to the Bru tribal community – who exercised their franchise in Tripura for the first time – was related to their identity. It was not that they were uninterested in the verdict, but, one gets the sense that the aspiration for a separate identity looms heavily on their minds.

The Lokniti-CSDS study on the Bru settlements site at Haduklau found that a majority of the families have received most of what was guaranteed in the agreement with the government, but what they are still fighting for is their own identity – for their settlement to be named as Bruhapara (area of Brus).

A new beginning: The Bru tribespeople waiting at a polling booth to cast their vote for the Tripura Assembly election. ANI

The process of settling

A large number of people from this community have been living in camps on the boundary of Mizoram and Tripura due to the reluctance of both State governments to allow them to settle in their territory. They were denied many things, voting rights being one of them. But many Brus who were earlier living in Mizoram were enrolled as voters there. They had been living in camps in North Tripura for years and were voting in temporary polling booths managed by the Mizoram government. But this practice was not welcomed by the Mizos. During the subsequent revision in the electoral rolls, names of most of the Brus were deleted from the electoral rolls in Mizoram.

The problem did not end here as the people of Tripura were also reluctant to allow Brus to be enrolled as voters in Tripura. They were also denied rations and other State-sponsored facilities.

Clearly, they were neither welcomed by the people of Mizoram nor by the people of Tripura. They were ultimately left to the mercy of the Union government. Finally, the Bru-Reang agreement was signed between the Government of India, the Governments of Tripura and Mizoram and Bru-Reang representatives on January 17, 2020. Of the many promises, one was that the Bru tribe would get all the rights that normal residents of the State receive and be able to enjoy the benefits of social welfare schemes of both the Union government and the State government.

The Lokniti-CSDS study in the Bru resettlement village in Haduklau in Dhalai district, a few days after election, did indicate a very high enrolment (90%) and an even higher voting (more than 96%) among the Bru tribe.

Most of the voters seemed extremely enthusiastic about having voted in these elections. They also stated that they were getting support from the government for other livelihood issues, besides their voting rights.

The families are entitled to free ration for two years; until the land and jobs that were promised to them are provided by the government.

Most of the families have received the land, the ₹1.5 lakh to build a house alongside and the ₹4 lakh as fixed deposit per family. However, what many of them were still waiting for was the monthly payment of ₹5,000 per family as promised by the government and the land for cultivation which would be their main source of livelihood. At the moment, most of them depend on payment from manual labour, though some have started their own small shops within the settlement.

The voting experience

Talking about their experience of participating in the electoral process, they said they had to walk for more than two kilometres (on average) to cast their vote, as the school (polling station) was at a considerable distance.

It is worth mentioning that though they did mention walking this distance to cast their vote, it was without any sense of complaint or hardship. They were happy that they were voting for the first time after having settled in the new village. Moreover, this issue will be soon resolved as the construction of a government school was ongoing in the village and would be ready within a month or so.

Besides schools, a temple and a church were being constructed with the help of the government. Many voters mentioned that there was financial support for building the temple from other groups as well.

Within the Bru community in the settlement, 80% were Hindus and 20% Christians. The houses of Hindus were clearly numbered and marked with the symbol of a *Trishul* on the front wall. This was clearly done to identify themselves as Hindus, though there was no segregation. The houses of Hindus and Christians were in mixed settlement and not segmented.

The government has seemingly done remarkable work regarding their settlement, providing them basic facilities and livelihood.

One hardly comes across such a high enrolment ratio of voters. It is true that the overall turnout in Tripura had been high (88%) – it was higher at 91% in the previous Assembly election – but the turnout among the Bru community in village was extremely high.

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Calling out foul practices

Opinion about malpractices in these elections

Malpractices in these elections have...	(%)
Increased	10
Decreased	39
Same as before	36
Never happened	11
No opinion	4

Question asked: Now compare the recently held election in your area with elections held in the past. Do you think in this election things like rigging, intimidation, fraud and other malpractices have increased, decreased or remained the same, or would you say that malpractices never take place?

Left and Congress voters are more vocal about malpractices in this election (%)

Party	Increased	Decreased	Same as before	Never happened
BJP+IPFT	7	54	30	9
Left+INC	16	34	43	7
TIPRA Motha	1	17	43	25
Others	29	51	15	2

Note: Rest gave no response

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Voters' perception about malpractices in other States (%)

Malpractices have...	Tripura 2023	Bihar 2020	Assam 2016	Kerala 2016	Tamil Nadu 2016	West Bengal 2016
Increased	**10**	9	17	11	21	6
Decreased	**39**	40	28	39	26	15
Same as before	**36**	16	33	15	34	10
Never happened	**11**	25	3	31	9	46
No opinion	**4**	10	19	4	10	23

Time spend by the voters at polling booth for casting their vote (%)

Locality	Within an hour	Between 1-2 hour	Between 2-4 hours	More than 4 hours	Do not remember
All	41	25	25	7	2
Rural	44	27	21	7	1
Urban	30	17	41	8	4

Question asked: How much time do you spend in polling booth while casting your vote?

Voters' opinion on the issues of migration

Note: Rest gave no response

	People from outside Tripura are necessary for the development of the State	Outsiders have spoiled the culture and way of life of the people of Tripura	The State government has successfully controlled migration	There should be a law banning the settlement of people from outside Tripura
Agree	45	44	41	50
ST	30	40	18	50
Others	49	45	48	51
Disagree	40	41	38	29

The 'double-engine' leadership propelled the BJP-led alliance to victory

Sandeep Shastri

State elections in India have been increasingly seen from the prism of leadership. How important was the leadership factor in the Tripura election? The Lokniti-CSDS post-poll survey provides some indications of the role of the leadership factor.

Choosing the CM

When asked who would they prefer as the Chief Minister of the State after the elections (no prompts were offered), close to three in 10 respondents favoured the incumbent Chief Minister, Manik Saha. Nearly two in 10 favoured Pradyot Bikram Manikya Deb Barma, the leader of the TIPRA Motha. Manik Sarkar, the former Chief Minister under the earlier CPI(M)-led government, was mentioned by a little over one in 10 respondents (see Table 1). There are two important factors here. First, the incumbent Chief Minister was clearly the front runner, and this was in consonance with his party being voted back to power. Second, the mention of Mr. Deb Barma assumes importance. Given the concentrated pockets of support his party enjoys, the support for him to be Chief Minister is more or less in the same proportion as the vote for his party. Also, in another article in this special coverage, there is reference to the TIPRA Motha supporters emphasising the role of leadership in making the party their choice.

Since 2014, one has noticed that in State Assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the key campaigner for the BJP. Tripura was no exception. The Prime Minister spent two days campaigning in the State this time. The post-poll study indicates that four in 10 respondents in Tripura liked the Prime Minister a lot and another one in five liked him somewhat. Taken together, this accounts for close to two-thirds of the respondents, which is, in fact, higher than the vote share of the BJP-led alliance in the State. The popularity of the Prime Minister in the State is thus far above that of the party. The fact that close to six in 10 respondents like BJP Chief Minister Manik Saha a lot or somewhat, the 'double-engine' leadership, appears to have paid dividends to the BJP-led alliance in Tripura (Table 2).

Table 1: Choice of Chief Minister

Choice of Chief Minister	(%)
Manik Saha	28
Pradyot Bikram Manikya Deb Barma	19
Manik Sarkar	12
Biplab Kumar Deb	4
Other	14

Note: Rest gave no response. Question asked: After this election who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of Tripura?

Table 2: Popularity of leaders (%)

How much do you like.....	A lot	Somewhat	Not much	Not at all	Not heard
Narendra Modi	42	21	17	15	1
Pradyot Bikram Manikya Deb Barma	30	19	18	16	10
Manik Saha	28	29	17	20	2
Manik Sarkar	29	26	18	22	2
Biplab Kumar Deb	15	18	25	35	3
Rahul Gandhi	12	22	32	28	2
Jishnu Dev Varma	11	25	24	26	8
Rajib Banerjee	4	10	12	20	40

Note: Rest gave no response. Question asked: How much do you like the following leader — a lot, somewhat, not much or not at all.

The two-tier leadership

The popularity of the TIPRA Motha leader also merits attention. Close to half the respondents liked him a lot or somewhat. Much of this support seems limited to the region which is his party's stronghold. The CPI(M) leader and former Chief Minister was liked by more than half the respondents.

It is only interesting that former BJP Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb was not favoured by six of 10 respondents. Similarly, Rahul Gandhi did not find favour among six of 10 respondents. The intensity of polarisation of support for leaders is evident in Tripura. In the case of all the top leaders – Mr. Modi, Mr. Deb Barma, Manik Saha and Manik Sarkar – one-third of the respondents do not seem to express a positive opinion about them. Clearly, the 'double-engine' leadership of Narendra Modi and Manik Saha appears to have worked in favour of the BJP-led alliance.

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'It's time the Centre looked at Bihar with sympathy, compassion'

The Bihar Deputy CM stresses the need for Special Status for Bihar; underlines that for the 2024 Lok Sabha election, seat-sharing will be based on the strengths and weaknesses of parties in the alliance

INTERVIEW

Tejashwi Prasad Yadav

Amit Bhelari

Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, the Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar and son of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad, says that seat-sharing for the 2024 Lok Sabha election within the *Mahagatbandhan*, or grand alliance, will be based on strengths and weaknesses of each party. He also hits out at poll strategist Prashant Kishor, and calls Chief Minister Nitish Kumar a dynamic leader. Excerpts:

Bihar's per capita income is the lowest in the country and per capita debt is the highest. Outward migration from Bihar for work and education is also among the highest in the country. Do you have a plan to tackle these issues?

One has to look at Bihar from a historic context right from the colonial times to the subsequent years and only then an insightful and sympathetic understanding is possible about its performance on different indices. Bihar was seen as a place to extract resources and labour by the colonial power and there has not been much change in this relationship to date.

It is time that the Union government looked at Bihar with sympathy and compassion. While Bihar provides manpower for the development of the entire county, we remain backward because we have not been accorded what is due. It is for this reason that me, Lalu *ji and* Nitish *ji* have been demanding Special Status for our State for several decades.

I would urge the Prime Minister to provide our State with Special Status so that we can also march into the category of top States on the development front.

Poll strategist Prashant Kishor says he will expose the failure of the current Bihar regime on the development front during his ongoing Jan Suraj Pad Yatra. How will you counter him?

I won't comment on a person who thinks of politics in his leisure time, is not ideological at all and runs campaigns with hired workers-cum-employees. What is the ideology of such people?

I don't take notice of people who read out the script written by BJP and RSS [Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh].

Do you think that CM Kumar's credibility has been hurt by his political flip-flops? You yourself have said several times previously that he has halted the progress of Bihar?

The fact remains that he is one of the most experienced leaders we have had in recent times. Everybody in Bihar knows that even as the Leader of the Opposition, I had the greatest respect for Nitish*ji*.

What would be the seat-sharing formula for the upcoming Lok Sabha election? Will the RJD play the role of big brother in the alliance?

We are all partners and there are no big brothers and small brothers.

We will sit down and analyse our strengths and weaknesses and decide accordingly. Ultimately, it is the people of Bihar who will decide.

You worked with Mr. Kumar as his deputy in 2015 for around a year and a half. You have been his deputy again since August 2022 in his latest innings. What are the differences you see?

He is a dynamic leader and I have learnt a lot by working with him. It's been a privilege to see him work from close quarters. We all learn and become better with each passing day.

Full interview on bit.ly/tejashwiyadav

From Page One

China takes lead in mapping the deep

"The biggest surprise is we observed a rich food supply at these depths," she said. In the Mariana Trench, new microbes were discovered. The research is at an early stage, but the potential for biotechnology, from new enzymes to treating anti-microbial resistance, is enormous.

The scientific mission of the IDSSE, which is jointly run by Beijing's elite Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), the country's premier scientific institution, and the Hainan provincial government, is in line with Mr. Xi's current push to establish China as a science and technology power. The institute has been given 30 billion Yuan ($4.3 billion) in grants for the 400 projects it is currently pursuing. Its mission is to create "a China-led global deep sea scientific research programme with joint participation by numerous major international deep-sea research teams". The Kermadec project was run along with New Zealand, while IDSSE is China's designated member of the BRICS "Marine and Polar Science" working group.

It isn't only global scientific prestige that is motivating Beijing to pour money into deep sea research. The work of China's advanced submersibles is also boosting the efforts of the China Ocean Mineral Resource R&D Association (COMRA), a government-backed body spearheading Beijing's plans to develop the world's most advanced deep-sea mining capabilities. China, along with the U.S., Russia, Germany, France, and to a lesser extent, India, are in a race for exploration contracts to search the vast areas under the jurisdiction of the International Seabed Authority (ISA), which includes all waters beyond 12 nautical mile territorial seas and 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zones. China has so far secured several exploration licences in vast areas in the Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean.

On February 27, 2023, Hong Wang, a senior Chinese official who is Vice-Minister of Natural Resources and Administrator of Oceanic Administration, visited the ISA headquarters in Jamaica, underlining the importance accorded by China to this project. "China strongly supports the mission of ISA to protect the marine environment and sustainably develop mineral resources... for the benefit of all humanity," he said then.

Cases of fever linked to influenza A H3N2

Additionally, 27% progressed to breathlessness and 16% showed wheezing symptoms. Also, 16% had signs of pneumonia and 6% presented with seizures, the ICMR has stated.

The agency has also said that the virus appeared to lead to more hospitalisations than other influenza subtypes. About 10% of all SARI patients who have influenza A H3N2 needed oxygen and 7% required ICU care, the health body has said, advising people against the intake of antibiotics without consulting a doctor.

Mumbai-based senior physician Altaf Patel sees at least 10 patients every day with suspected flu. "The cases have certainly risen, and patients are presenting with breathlessness and severe episodes of spasmodic cough. Some patients are showing symptoms for as long as 10 to 12 days," observed Dr. Patel. Because it is a viral flu, antibiotics are of no use. The ICMR has advised patients against the intake of antibiotics or any other medication without consulting a doctor. "Treatment with paracetamol for fever and body ache is advised. Also, have plenty of fluids," the ICMR has stated. Dr. Patel observed that there was very little difference in symptoms between COVID-19 and the illness brought on by Influenza A H3N2. Shaking hands or using other forms of contact greeting should be discouraged, the ICMR has said.

"Wearing masks while venturing out is a good idea. It is important for people to take their flu vaccination," Dr. Patel said.

Ayodhya mosque gets all land clearances

"Sanctioned maps will be handed over to the IICF after a few departmental formalities, which will be completed within a couple of days," Mr. Dayal said.

Arshad Afzaal Khan, one of the IICF's trustees, said the trust was planning to apply to the ADA online for the sanction of the map sometime around March 13, which would probably be the last step before starting the construction of the mosque. "We will hold the meeting of all trustees after the month of Ramzan to finalise the plan to start work at the site," Mr. Khan said.

He added that the foundation of the mosque was laid on January 26, 2021, but nothing had moved since then due to administrative hurdles. "We chose this day for laying the foundation of the Ayodhya mosque as on this day India's Constitution came into effect more than seven decades ago. Our Constitution is based on pluralism, which is also the leitmotif of our mosque project," he said.

The new mosque will be bigger than Babri Masjid, but will not look like it, the IICF trustees said.

The hospital that is planned as part of the complex will hold centrestage. "It will serve humanity in the true spirit of Islam, as taught by the Prophet Muhammed 1,400 years ago," Athar Husain Siddiqui, secretary, IICF, said. The hospital will not appear like a typical concrete structure but will be in sync with the architecture of the mosque, replete with calligraphy and Islamic symbols, he said.

Australia, Japan PMs to visit India ahead of Quad summit

The Australian PMO confirmed that Albanese will reach India on March 8 and will watch the fourth Test match between India and Australia with Modi; Japanese PM set to come on March 19

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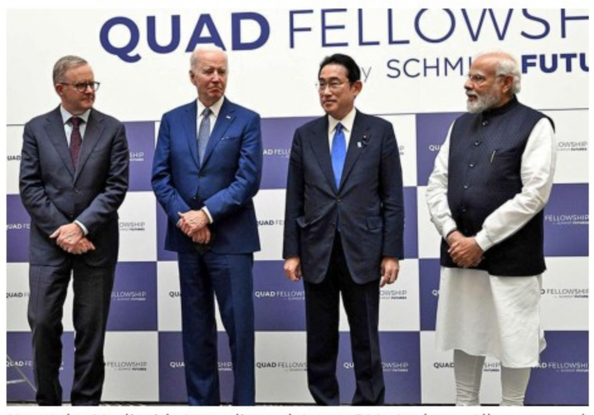

Narendra Modi with Australia and Japan PMs Anthony Albanese and Fumio Kishida, and U.S. President Joe Biden in Japan in 2022. AFP

The Prime Ministers of Australia and Japan will visit India in March in what is being interpreted as a warming of ties ahead of the Quad leaders' summit in Australia.

The Office of the Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Saturday announced that he will start his March 8-to-11 tour of India from Ahmedabad, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will join him at the fourth Test match of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy coinciding with Holi. Japanese media has reported that Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will reach Delhi on March 19.

"Our relationship with India is strong, but it can be stronger. It is underpinned by our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, which underscores a joint commitment to working together to enhance our defence, economic and technological interests," said Mr. Albanese, who came to power last May when he had travelled to Tokyo to participate in the Quad leaders' summit hours after being elected to the office after defeating Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

"A shared passion for cricket is a hallmark of our long-standing friendship, a relationship that has been enriched by generations of Indian-Australians," a statement from the PMO of Australia said. The visit is being viewed as an expression of political will to growing bilateral trade, security and people-to-people contacts that received a major boost when the India Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement came into force in last December.

Mr. Albanese will spend a day in Mumbai before starting the official part of the visit here. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the Australian leader will be accompanied by Senator Don Farrell, Minister for Trade and Tourism, and Madeleine King, Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, and senior officials and a high-level business delegation.

"The strategic partnership between the two countries was elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in June 2020 which has been strengthened and deepened through frequent high-level exchanges and enhanced cooperation across sectors," the MEA said in a statement.

Japanese media reported that Mr. Kishida is planning to visit India on March 19 for a two-day visit to meet Mr. Modi. According to sources, officials in Tokyo and New Delhi have been trying to match schedules for a meeting, with Japan hosting the G-7 in May and India as G-20 host needing to coordinate their agenda at the highest levels. While an earlier proposed visit by Mr. Modi to Tokyo could not be scheduled, officials hope Mr. Kishida's visit later this month will materialise.

Mr. Modi will be travelling to Hiroshima as India is a special invitee to the G-7 summit on May 19-21, and is expected to then fly to Sydney for the Quad leaders' summit as well.

Kapil Sibal starts political platform to fight 'injustice'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Kapil Sibal

Accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government of working against citizens' interest, Rajya Sabha member Kapil Sibal on Saturday announced that he would launch a political platform, Insaaf, to fight against injustice and to create a people's movement against the BJP. Though the former Union Minister stopped short of calling it a platform to bring non-BJP, non-Congress parties together, he urged Opposition leaders, including Chief Ministers, to support his endeavour that he will formally launch on March 11.

Mr. Sibal said he would hold a public meeting of the new platform at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on March 11 and put forward a new vision for India there.

"Will give a new vision of India, a positive agenda. *Main koi* Modi-*ji ko* criticise *nahi karne baitha, main unko sudhaar doonga* [I am not here to criticise Narendra Modi but will reform him]," he told reporters, adding that it was an open invitation for everyone, including Opposition leaders, to join him.

The former Congress leader said injustice was being done to citizens, institutions, journalists, teachers, medium and small businesses and the Opposition leaders.

"We have started a website '*Insaaf ke Sipahi*', where anyone can register. This will be a national-level platform where lawyers will be at the forefront," Mr. Sibal said. "It is with great deliberation that I have decided that people need to be awakened and asked to become our '*Insaaf ke Sipahi*', and wherever injustice is happening, they should fight it. I want all the Opposition leaders to support me and we start a national movement to free ourselves from this slavery."

Structures of our democracy under 'brutal attack': Rahul

Press Trust of India
LONDON

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday alleged that the structures of Indian democracy are under "brutal attack" and there are conversations ongoing within the Opposition to unite around an alternative vision for the country. The former Congress president also alleged that the recent tax survey action against the *BBC* was an example of the "suppression of voice across the country", which is why he undertook the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' as an expression of voice against the ruling BJP's attempt to silence the country.

"The reason the yatra became necessary is because the structures of our democracy are under brutal attack," Mr. Gandhi told reporters at an India Insights event organised by the Indian Journalists' Association (IJA) here.

"The media, the institutional frameworks, judiciary, Parliament is all under attack and we were finding it very difficult to put the voice of the people through the normal channels," he said.

"The BBC has found out about it now, but it has been going on in India for the last nine years nonstop. Everybody knows that journalists are intimidated, they are attacked and threatened. The journalists who toe the line of the government are rewarded. So, it's part of a pattern and I wouldn't expect anything different. If the BBC stops writing against the government, everything will go back to normal. All the cases will disappear," he noted.

Mr. Gandhi expressed regret that democratic parts of the world, including the U.S. and Europe, have failed to notice that a "large chunk of democracy has come undone".

'Govt. to decide among F/A-18 Super Hornet, Rafale M'

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Admiral R. Hari Kumar

Boeing's F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet and Dassault Aviation's Rafale M jets meet the requirements of the Navy and a selection between them will be the government's decision, Navy chief Admiral R. Hari Kumar said on Friday, adding that the Rafale M has commonality with the Air Force in terms of spares and support.

"It will be a decision of the government... Both aircraft are ok. They have proved themselves. Now there will be other issues, like for example, we already have Rafales for the Air Force. There will be commonality of spare parts and support, etc. Each has got its own strengths and weaknesses," Adm. Kumar said on the sidelines of the Raisina Dialogue. The dialogue, jointly organised by the Observer Research Foundation and the Ministry of External Affairs, concluded on Friday.

An indigenous Twin Engine Deck-Based Fighter (TEDBF) is under development by the Aeronautical Development Agency under the DRDO to operate off the Navy's aircraft carriers. The 26 jets planned to be procured from abroad will fill the gap in the interim as the existing MiG-29Ks may not last till then. Adm. Kumar said the Navy may get the TEDBF by 2034 or so. A session on the future of warfare was held at the event that saw the participation of Navy chiefs of several countries.

BJP targeting Rahul out of ignorance, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Aggressively countering the BJP's charges that Rahul Gandhi lauded China at Cambridge University and maligned India on foreign soil, the Congress on Saturday played old videos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi praising China, and said Mr. Modi had raked up domestic politics abroad several times.

Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said the ruling party's targeting of Mr. Gandhi either stemmed "from ignorance or from completely contrived politics". Mr. Gandhi has consistently stood for. and espoused, the causes of common man, Ms. Shrinate said.

"He is being the flagbearer of the values our nation is built on. When he talks about Mahatma Gandhi and the values of our Constitution and the foundation of our country, he is actually bringing India a lot of pride. I don't understand where it stems from but the BJP's opposition is either ignorance or completely contrived politics," she said.

RSS outfits oppose SC status to Dalit converts, to give report to Balakrishnan Commission

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A VHP member says Scheduled Caste status is related to the practice of untouchability

Kicking-off a two-day conclave on "Conversion and reservation" on Saturday, the Vishwa Samvad Kendra (VSK), an outfit linked to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), said that it intends to submit a report to the Justice K.G. Balakrishnan Commission, which is currently tasked with examining whether Scheduled Caste (SC) status can be accorded to Dalit Christians and Muslims.

Amid long-standing demands for inclusion on the SC list, the Union government in October 2022 formed the Commission of Inquiry to examine the issue, and asked it to also consider objections to the demands from other sections of society and the impact of inclusion on existing SC communities.

With the commission currently in the middle of a literature review, and openly seeking research and studies that could help them, the VSK's conclave intends to collate academic literature on its and the Sangh Parivar's position on the issue and submit this report to the Commission.

The conclave has seen about 60 papers being submitted by academics from universities all over the country, dozens of which are slated to be presented and discussed during the two-day event being held in collaboration with Gautam Buddha University in Greater Noida.

Separate sessions

The papers presented will be discussed in nine separate sessions, which will cover different subsets under the theme of conversion and reservation, such as the history, development and evolution of Scheduled Castes and reservation; the Constitution and reservation; and caste in Abrahamic religions.

At the inaugural session on Saturday, Alok Kumar, senior advocate and central working president of the VHP, said that the history of reservation had shown that SC status is related to the practice of untouchability, which was unfortunately a feature "only of Hindu society". He added that Islam and Christianity had made claims of being casteless, but now were saying something else.

Sections of Dalits

"We should make it clear through this conclave that under no circumstances are we in favour of providing reservation for Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims," said Bihar BJP leader Sanjay Paswan.

When Narendra Jadhav, former Rajya Sabha member, rose to assert that untouchability is observed in religions like Islam and Christianity as well to favour reservation for Dalit Christians and Muslims, he turned heads.

Mr. Jadhav added that reservation for Dalit Christians and Muslims should be considered only after examining the size of the population that faces the discrimination faced by Hindu Dalits.

8,000 applications for higher pension made till date: Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In the category of those who retired before Sept. 2014, 91,258 applications have been received

As pensioners and trade unions complain of the difficulties in opting for the higher Provident Fund pension contribution, the Union Labour Ministry said in a statement here on Saturday that the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is making all efforts to publicise the process of application. The last date for submitting the joint option is May 3. The Ministry said more than 8,000 members have applied online so far.

"Since, the contributions of both the employee and employer on higher wages are involved, the EPF and EPS-95 schemes require the joint request when they contribute on higher salary. This is not a new requirement and predates the EPS-95 and the position has been affirmed by the Supreme Court in the *R.C. Gupta case* stating that it is a necessary precursor for exercising joint option on higher salary under EPS," the Ministry said.

The assessment of contributions and their deposit and diversion to Pension Fund, the past services rendered and the remittances made are necessary for the calculation of the benefits and valuation of the Pension Fund, the Ministry said.

The EPFO had closed the option for the EPS members who retired prior to September 1, 2014, on Saturday. "It has received 91,258 online applications from this category of employees as on March 4," the Centre said.

Meanwhile, CITU general secretary Tapan Sen, in his third letter on the pension issue to Central Provident Fund Commisioner Neelam Shami Rao, said that the EPFO should delete unnecessary disclaimers from the link created for uploading the application as they may be a deterrent to applicants. He said such disclaimers were brought in to deter the employees from availing the higher pension.

With overfishing, great seahorses bolt from Coromandel

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

Extensive fishing off the Coromandel coast could be forcing the great seahorse to migrate laboriously toward Odisha.

Fishing is less intense in the Bay of Bengal off the Odisha coastline. However, the shallow coastal ecosystem of the eastern Indian State may not be the new comfort zone for the fish with a horse-like head, a study published in the latest issue of the *Journal of Threatened Taxa* said.

The study was based on a specimen of a juvenile great seahorse, or *Hippocampus kelloggi*, caught in a ring net and collected from the Ariyapalli fish landing centre in Odisha's Ganjam district. The authors of the study are Anil Kumar Behera and Biswajit Mahari of Berhampur University's Department of Marine Sciences, and Amrit Kumar Mishra of Bombay Natural History Society's Department of Marine Conservation.

Vulnerable species

There are 46 species of seahorses reported worldwide. The coastal ecosystems of India house nine out of 12 species found in the Indo-Pacific, one of the hotspots of seahorse populations that are distributed across diverse ecosystems such as seagrass, mangroves, macroalgal beds, and coral reefs.

These nine species are distributed along the coasts of eight States and five Union Territories from Gujarat to Odisha, apart from Lakshadweep and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The population of the great seahorse, which is among the eight species tagged 'vulnerable', is declining due to its overexploitation for traditional Chinese medicines and as an ornamental fish, combined with general destructive fishing and fisheries bycatch, the study said.

Found vulnerable: The great seahorse, one of the nine species found in the Indian coastal ecosystem, is among the eight species tagged 'vulnerable'.

"Despite the ban on fishing and trading activities on seahorses from 2001, clandestine fishing and trading still take place in India. This creates immense pressure on the seahorse populations that have a high dependence on local habitats to maintain their extensive and long-life history traits," it said.

Long migration

Seahorses are poor swimmers but migrate by rafting – clinging to floating substrata such as macroalgae or plastic debris for dispersal by ocean currents – to new habitats for successful maintenance of their population.

However, the 1,300-km northward migration of the great seahorse from the Palk Bay and the Gulf of Mannar to Odisha is likely a response to extensive fishing activities around the southern coast of India.

The species is abundant off the Coromandel coast (Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu), but is under extensive fishing pressure, with 13 million individuals caught a year, the study said.

Need for conservation

"This calls for increased monitoring of the coastal ecosystems of India on the east coast for better conservation and management of the remaining seahorse populations," it advised. However, the great seahorse is not migrating in large numbers, as the Odisha coast does not have coral reefs or seagrass meadows that the species can call home, except within the Chilika region, Mr. Mishra said.

"The intensity of fishing is much lower compared to the Gulf of Mannar and the Palk Bay region. So, even if they migrate northwards, they would not have a suitable habitat, unless the fishing nets that catch them are banned or the fishing practices such as trawling are stopped," he told *The Hindu*.

Bagchi granted bail after arrest for remarks against Mamata

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Hours after West Bengal Congress spokesperson Kaustav Bagchi was arrested on Saturday for allegedly making derogatory comments against Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, a city court granted him bail.

He was arrested in the early hours of Saturday on the basis of a complaint made at the Burtolla police station around 10.30 pm on Friday. The court granted bail on a personal bond of ₹1000 and on the condition that he will present himself before the investigating officer once every week.

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat files defamation suit against Gehlot

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Saturday filed a criminal defamation suit against Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot for allegedly defaming him with remarks on the Sanjivani scam.

Mr. Shekhawat's lawyer, senior advocate Vikas Pahwa, told *The Hindu* that Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) Harpreet Singh took cognisance of the defamation application and listed it for Monday.

The complainant also sought appropriate compensation.

With religious identity of Banjaras now in a flux, Sangh Parivar steps in

From Bhagavad Gita workshops to religious 'conversion' during census, RSS-linked outfits go all out to capitalise on the confusion and changing dynamics within Banjara community to execute their own agenda

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NEW DELHI

Mahendra Singh, a middle-aged blacksmith, lives in a small hut erected under a tin shed in the Naraina locality of Delhi, in an area where 25 to 30 people from the Banjara community live. Outside his home stands a small marble temple with pictures of Baba Ramdev, a saint worshipped by several tribal communities in Rajasthan and Gujarat, along with images of Kali and Durga.

His iron tools and some pottery lie on a wooden bed outside his hut. Mr. Singh acknowledges that he was a nomad, but distanced himself from the Banjaras, insisting that he was now a Lohar, a caste traditionally known for working with iron.

"Christian missionaries came to me and asked me to convert some time ago. I rejected them," Mr. Singh said. He has Aadhaar but does not have any document identifying him as part of a backward community, which will entitle him to government benefits.

Academics who have been studying the Banjara community and its anthropology say that in the past few decades, there has been a significant rift between urban Banjaras and those in rural areas, with the former conflating their religious customs with those of Hinduism and the latter maintaining that their customs had nothing to do with the faith.

In contention: Academics point to a significant rift between urban Banjaras and those in rural areas in terms of religious customs. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Religious flux

Amid this religious identity flux in the community, incidents such as the "attempted conversion" of Mr. Singh have the Dharam Jagran Manch concerned. The outfit, linked to the RSS, is running campaigns, events, and workshops to ensure that Banjaras "remain in the Hindu fold".

In tandem, the Union government too has launched a campaign to celebrate the 284th *jayanti* (birth anniversary) of Sant Sevalal Maharaj, another saint revered by the Banjara community.

"They tried doing this with the Buddha as well, portraying him as an avatar of Hindu gods, and they are doing the same here," said the Karnataka-based professor N. Shantha Naik, a member of the Banjara community who has extensively researched and written about their culture and history.

In January, the DJM had organised a six-day Banjara Kumbh at Godri village of Maharashtra, where all visiting Banjaras were asked to mark their religion as Hindu in census forms, and resolutions were adopted to install temples of Balaji, Jagdamba and Krishna in Banjara settlements.

In Rajasthan, the Ghumantu Utthan Nyas, which is also backed by the RSS, is organising skill development training camps for Banjaras. "We also get school education to the children of Banjaras and ensure they get healthcare facilities, if needed," said a Ghumantu Utthan Nyas member, also named Mahendra Singh, who insisted that Banjaras are indeed Hindus.

Meanwhile, the Akhil Bharatiya Pramukh Dharmajagran Samanvay (ABPDS) is focusing its efforts in States such as Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Sharad Dhole of the ABPDS maintained that these are the States where Banjaras are facing the threat of conversion to Christianity or Islam.

Mohan Singh Chavhan, a retired professor from Nagpur who also heads the Bharatiya Banjara Samaj Karamchari Seva Sansthan, said, "In the past two to four years, people linked to the RSS have started holding regular workshops in *Tandas* (Banjara settlements) on the Bhagavad Gita.".

Classification 'mess'

He added that anthropologically, the Banjaras have always been categorised as a tribe. However, constitutionally, the Banjaras have been classified differently in different parts of India – from denotified tribe to Scheduled Tribe to Scheduled Caste and even Most Backward Class.

Mr. Chavhan said that a first step to address the issues faced by Banjaras would be to bring them under one classification.

Centre may take decision to ban cow slaughter: Allahabad HC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

"Anyone who kills cows or allows others to kill them is deemed to rot in hell as many years as there are hairs upon his body," a single-judge Bench of Justice Shamim Ahmed of Allahabad High Court has said in a judgment delivered while dismissing Mohammad Abdual Khaliq's plea to get the case of cow slaughter lodged against him quashed.

"We are living in a secular country and must have respect for all religions and in Hinduism, the belief and faith is that cow is representative of divine and natural beneficence and should therefore be protected and venerated," the court said in an order in mid-February.

The court said that in the late 19th and 20th centuries, in India, a movement to protect cows had arisen that sought to unify the citizens by demanding that the Government of India ban cow slaughter immediately.

"This court hope[s] and trust[s] that the Central government may take appropriate decision to ban cow slaughtering in the country and to declare the same as 'protected national animal'," it added.

The court said that from the perusal of the materials on record, looking into the facts of the present case and after considering the arguments, it does not appear that no offence has been made out against the applicant.

Dismissing the plea filed by Mr. Khaliq, the court said the cow has also been associated with various deities.

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MHA enchances financial powers of armed police force chiefs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs has enhanced the financial powers of the Directors-General of all the seven Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Director, Intelligence Bureau (IB), empowering them to spend up to ₹20 crore for major works such as construction of buildings and purchase of vehicles.

Following the directions from Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, the delegation of financial powers of the D-Gs have been enhanced from ₹15 crore to ₹20 crore for major works and ₹1 crore to ₹2 crore for minor works. The cap for land acquisition has been increased from ₹5 crore to ₹10 crore, a government official said.

The last time financial powers for major and minor works were enhanced was in 2017.

Assam's *moidams* fit UNESCO requirements for heritage site

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Assam's pyramid-like structures known as *moidams* or *maidams* have met all the technical requirements of UNESCO's World Heritage Centre, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has said.

Charaideo in eastern Assam has more than 90 *moidams*, the mound-burial system of the Ahoms who ruled large swathes of the present-day State and beyond for some 600 years until the advent of the British in the 1820s.

"With great pride, happy to share a landmark achievement in our endeavour to get World Heritage Site status for Charaideo Maidams. The *maidams* have met all technical requirements of the UNESCO Secretariat. My gratitude once again to Hon PM Shri @narendramodi ji for the nomination," Mr. Sarma tweeted on the night of Friday.

Pyramids of Assam: The *moidams* enshrine the mortal remains of Ahom royalty along with the objects they cherished. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

He attached a letter from Lazare Eloundou Assamo, Director of the World Heritage Centre's cultural sector, to Vishal V. Sharma, the Permanent Delegate of India to UNESCO.

"The nomination of *Moidams* - the mound-burial system of the Ahom Dynasty met all of the technical requirements outlined in the Operational Guidelines concerning completeness check of nominations to the World Heritage List. It is important to recall that the technical completeness of a nomination does not imply that the site concerned is of Outstanding Universal Value and would necessarily be inscribed on the World Heritage List," Mr. Assamo's letter announced.

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Fire at Indonesia fuel depot kills 18, leaves over a dozen people missing

AFP

Indonesian rescuers on Saturday searched for more than a dozen missing under the rubble of charred houses, after a large fire spread from a fuel storage depot in the capital and killed 18 persons. Initial probe showed that the fire broke out when a pipeline ruptured during heavy rain, possibly triggered by a lightning strike. AP

BURBANK

Tom Sizemore, famous for his role in *Saving Private Ryan*, dead at 61

REUTERS

Tom Sizemore, the *Saving Private Ryan* actor whose bright 1990s star burned out under the weight of his own domestic violence and drug convictions, died on Friday at the age of 61. He suffered a brain aneurysm on February 18 at his home in Los Angeles. He died in his sleep on Friday at a hospital in Burbank, California. AP

YONG PENG

Four dead, tens of thousands evacuated in Malaysia floods

REUTERS

At least four persons died and 41,000 people were evacuated in Malaysia after floodwaters caused by "unusual" torrential rains lasting days swept through several States. People from six States have been evacuated to schools and community centres where food, water and clothes were provided. AFP

TOKYO

Japan PM Kishida under fire for linking loans to having babies

AP

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has come under fire for his party's proposal to reduce student debt for those who have children, as the country struggles to raise its low birth rate. He has pledged "unprecedented" measures to tackle the country's perennially low birthrate. AFP

Civilians flee embattled town as Ukrainian pullout looms

Ukrainian units have destroyed two key bridges just outside Bakhmut as Russian fighters made further inroads into the city's northern suburbs, ratcheting up the pressure on its defenders

Associated Press
KHROMOVE

Drinks break: Ukrainian forces had set up a pontoon bridge to help the remaining residents in Bakhmut reach a nearby village. AP

Pressure mounted on Saturday on Ukrainian troops and civilians hunkering down in Bakhmut, as Kyiv's forces tried to help residents flee the beleaguered eastern city amid what Western analysts say may be preparations for a Ukrainian withdrawal.

A woman was killed and two men were badly wounded by shelling while trying to cross a makeshift bridge out of Bakhmut on Saturday, according to Ukrainian troops who were assisting them. A Ukrainian Army representative who asked not to be named for operational reasons said it was now too dangerous for civilians to leave the city by vehicle, and that people had to flee on foot instead.

Bakhmut has for months been a key target of Moscow's grinding eastern offensive, with Russian troops, including large forces from the private Wagner Group, inching ever closer to Kyiv's key eastern stronghold.

An AP team near Bakhmut on Saturday saw a pontoon bridge set up by Ukrainian soldiers to help the city's few remaining residents reach the nearby village of Khromove. Later, they saw at least five houses on fire as a result of attacks in Khromove.

Ukrainian units over the past 36 hours destroyed two key bridges just outside Bakhmut, including one linking it to the nearby town of Chasiv Yar along the last remaining Ukrainian resupply route, according to U.K. military intelligence officials and other Western analysts.

The U.K. Defence Ministry said that the destruction of the bridges came as Russian fighters made further inroads into Bakhmut's northern suburbs.

The Institute for the Study of War (ISW), a Washington-based think tank, assessed late on Friday that Kyiv's actions may point to a looming Ukrainian pullout from parts of the city. It said Ukrainian troops may "conduct a limited and controlled withdrawal from particularly difficult sections of eastern Bakhmut," while seeking to inhibit Russian movement there and limit exit routes to the west.

Capturing Bakhmut would not only give Russian fighters a rare battlefield gain after months, but it might rupture Ukraine's supply lines and allow the Kremlin's forces to press toward other Ukrainian strongholds in the eastern Donetsk region.

Scientist who developed Sputnik V vaccine killed

Press Trust of India
MOSCOW

Andrey Botikov, one of the scientists who helped create the Russian COVID-19 vaccine Sputnik V, was strangled to death with a belt at his apartment here and police have arrested a suspect in connection with the murder, according to a Russian media report on Saturday.

Mr. Botikov, 47, who worked as a senior researcher at the Gamaleya National Research Center for Ecology and Mathematics, was found dead in his apartment on Thursday, Russian News Agency TASS quoted the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation as saying.

Russian President Vladimir Putin honoured the virologist with the Order of Merit for the Fatherland award for his work on the COVID vaccine in 2021. Mr. Botikov was one of 18 scientists who developed the Sputnik V vaccine in 2020, according to reports.

His death is being investigated as a murder, the committee, which is the investigating authority in Russia, said in a Telegram statement.

According to investigators, a 29-year-old young man strangled Botikov with a belt during an argument and fled. Law enforcement agencies said the murder was a domestic crime and the result of a conflict, the report said.

The suspect was arrested shortly after Mr. Botikov's body was found.

Provincial governor, 5 others shot dead in the Philippines while meeting villagers

Associated Press
MANILA

The aftermath: Policemen man a checkpoint in Negros Oriental on Saturday hours after Roel Degamo and five others were killed. AFP

Gunmen in military uniforms fatally shot a governor and five civilians on Saturday while the provincial leader was meeting villagers at his home in the central Philippines, in the latest brazen assault on local politicians in the country, the police said.

At least six men armed with assault rifles and wearing military-style camouflage and bullet-proof vests alighted from three SUVs and opened fire on Negros Oriental Gov. Roel Degamo, hitting him and at least five other persons in front of his home in Pamplona town. The province has a history of violent political rivalries.

Pamplona Mayor Janice Degamo, the wife of the slain governorsaid her husband "did not deserve that kind of death. He was serving constituents on a Saturday along with his department heads." A total of 10 suspects were seen fleeing the scene, the police said.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. condemned the attack.

UN nuclear head meets with Iranians amid enrichment concerns

Associated Press
DUBAI

Peace bid: Iran President Ebrahim Raisi, right, welcoming IAEA chief Rafael Grossi ahead of talks in Tehran on Saturday. AFP

The head of the UN nuclear watchdog was meeting with officials in Iran on Saturday, days after it was revealed that the country had enriched particles of uranium to near weapons-grade. The reports had raised fresh alarm over its long-disputed nuclear programme.

Rafael Mariano Grossi, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, declined to comment on his discussions during a press conference with the head of Iran's nuclear programme, saying the delegation's work was still ongoing.

"It's an atmosphere of work, of honesty and cooperation," Mr. Grossi said. He later met with Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi and was expected to speak with reporters upon his return to Vienna.

Earlier this week, the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), through a report, had said that uranium particles enriched up to 83.7% – just short of weapons-grade – were found in Iran's underground Fordo nuclear site.

1 killed as business jet encounters turbulence

Associated Press
WINDSOR LOCKS

A business jet was buffeted by severe turbulence over New England, causing the death of a passenger and forcing the aircraft to divert to Bradley International Airport in Connecticut on Saturday.

Five persons were aboard the Bombardier executive jet that was shaken by turbulence on late Friday afternoon while travelling from Keene, New Hampshire, to Leesburg, Virginia.

The extent of the damage was unclear officials did not provide details on the cause of death. The jet is owned by Conexon, a telecommunications company based in Kansas City, Missouri, according to a FAA database.

India slams Pakistan for hosting terrorists designated by UNSC, flays OIC remark on J&K

Press Trust of India
GENEVA

Pakistan has the "unique distinction" of hosting the most number of UNSC-designated terrorists and terror organisations, and its policies are directly responsible for thousands of civilian deaths in the world, India has said as it slammed Islamabad for its "malicious propaganda" against the country.

"Osama bin Laden lived next to Pakistan's premier military academy. Its security agencies have nurtured and sheltered Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar for decades," First Secretary of India's Permanent Mission to UN Seema Pujani said, while exercising India's right of reply to Pakistan, at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva on Friday.

India also assailed the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for its "unwarranted references" to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and for allowing Pakistan to hijack and misuse its platform for carrying out Islamabad's "nefarious agenda" against New Delhi.

"As regards the OIC statement, we reject the unwarranted references to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," Ms. Pujani said in a statement.

"The fact is that the entire territories of the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have been, are and shall always be part of India. Pakistan is in illegal occupation of Indian territory," she said.

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Influenza virus might have marine origin with fish as early host

The Hindu Bureau

A new study posted as a preprint (which is yet to be peer-reviewed) in *bioRxiv* has found that the order *Articulavirales*, which includes the influenza viruses, first emerged in aquatic ecosystems, and fish might have been the earliest hosts of influenza virus. The study found that invertebrates rather than fish might have likely been among the first hosts of influenza virus.

The study found that influenza viruses can infect all classes of fish, and Siberian sturgeon (*Acipenser baerii*) may have served as early, if not the first, hosts of influenza virus before it spilled over into mammals.

Besides aquatic origin, the researchers say that the order *Articulavirales* may have persisted since about 640 million years ago when corals branched off to form other members of *Articulavirales* in other animals.

As per *Nature News* report, Mary Petrone, a virologist at the University of Sydney, Australia and the first author of the preprint, analysed the RNA from two coral species and found evidence of infection with the viruses. The discovery of the virus in corals gave the first hint that the influenza viruses might have been born at sea.

A 2018 identification of a distant relative of influenza in hagfish only strengthened the possibility of a marine origin of the virus.

Having found the virus in two coral species, the researchers turned their attention to Siberian sturgeon, and surprisingly found evidence of the virus in sturgeon fish. "Phylogenetic analysis of the three polymerase segments revealed that the sturgeon-associated virus consistently falls within the influenza clade but is basal to all known influenza viruses," they write.

"The discovery of the two early lineages of influenza suggests that influenza probably infected aquatic animals, including fish, before moving onto land," Dr. Petrone told *Nature News*.

'Early hosts'

The researchers stress this point about fish serving as the early host to influenza virus in the preprint. They say: "Our findings do suggest that influenza viruses can infect all classes of fish such that these animals may have served as early, if not the first, hosts of influenza virus before it spilled over into mammals."

The virus in the *Articulavirales* order "utilises a large repertoire of transmission routes". If influenza virus spreads via respiratory droplets in the case of mammals and faeces among birds, the transmission of the virus from one fish to another is thought to be through the respiratory route.

Scrub typhus: combination therapy can save more lives

Mortality rate was same in the combination therapy arm and two monotherapy arms, but there was faster resolution of complications in the combination therapy group

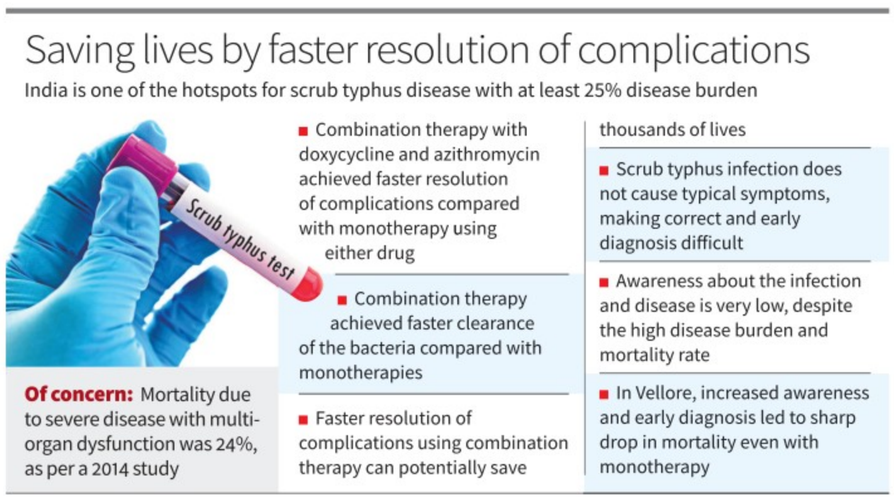
R. Prasad

Scrub typhus – a life-threatening infection caused by *Orientia tsutsugamushi* bacteria – is a major public health threat in South and Southeast Asia. As per estimates, nearly one million cases are reported from South and Southeast Asia with 10% mortality. India is one of the hotspots with at least 25% of the disease burden; in CMC Vellore alone, 500-1,000 patients are treated each year, of which 250-300 have severe disease.

A seroprevalence study undertaken about five years ago in Vellore, Tamil Nadu, by researchers at the CMC Vellore showed over 30% antibody positivity for the bacteria in the community, indicating that they were exposed to the pathogen.

What makes scrub typhus a major public health threat is the very high mortality rate in patients with severe disease despite diagnosis and treatment. In a study published by CMC Vellore researchers in 2014, the mortality in patients with severe scrub typhus disease with multi-organ dysfunction was 24%.

Till date, monotherapies using either doxycycline or azithromycin was the commonly used treatment. A trial carried out now in seven centres in India where patients were randomly assigned to receive a combination therapy of both doxycycline and azithromycin showed faster resolution of complications compared with two other arms where patients were given monotherapy of either doxycycline or azithromycin. The trial enrolled nearly 800 patients (265 in the doxycycline group, 263 in the azithromycin group, and 266 in the combination-therapy group). The results were published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.



"The 28-day mortality was the same (12.1%) in all the three groups. But since we were able to achieve faster resolution of complications at day seven in the combination therapy group, we can potentially save thousands of lives," says Dr. George M. Varghese, Professor at the department of infectious diseases, CMC Vellore, and the primary investigator and corresponding author of the paper.

The frequencies of respiratory, renal, hepatic, and central nervous system complications were lower in the combination-therapy group than in either of the monotherapy groups. "We need a larger number of patients enrolled in the trial to conclusively prove that faster resolution of complications will result in more lives saved. But it is unethical now to continue the trial as the benefit of the combination therapy over monotherapies has already been established," says Dr. Varghese.

Among the patients who died in the study, 50% died within 48 hours of arrival. This indicates that patients who arrive late with multiple organ dysfunction may have a higher risk of mortality as their condition may have progressed too far for effective treatment.

"This trial has shown that the combination therapy using both doxycycline and azithromycin is far more effective in treating severe scrub typhus than monotherapies of either drug by itself," he says.

Treatment guidelines

Until the results of this trial were published, there were no clear-cut treatment guidelines for severe scrub typhus. Though oral doxycycline was routinely used as a monotherapy, the drug has to be administered intravenously for severe disease.

This made treatment with azithromycin attractive as the intravenous formulation of the drug was widely available.

However, even the largest trial so far, comparing doxycycline and azithromycin, included only less than 100 patients with milder disease.

In contrast, the superiority of combination therapy for severe scrub typhus has been demonstrated by clinical evidence from the largest ever randomised, controlled trial. Second, the combination therapy was able to achieve faster clearance of the bacteria compared with monotherapies.

The faster clearance in the combination therapy arm may be due to the complementary effect of the drugs.

While azithromycin concentration inside the cells where the bacteria proliferate can be 100 times that of the plasma, doxycycline has higher concentration in the plasma.

The different sites where the two drugs stop the bacteria from producing proteins through different but complementary mechanisms may be the reason why the combination therapy has been able to clear the pathogen faster.

No typical symptoms

Scrub typhus is transmitted to humans by bites from tiny infected larvae of mites; mites breed during July-March. Only the larval stage of the mite requires a blood meal, which is usually from rodents.

"The larvae are invisible to the naked eye and the bite is not painful. So people don't realise they have been bitten by an insect and possibly infected," Dr. Varghese says. The infection does not cause typical symptoms, thus, making correct and early diagnosis difficult.

Increasing the awareness can clearly bring down the mortality rate, as demonstrated by the CMC Vellore researchers.

"In 2005-2006, the mortality rate was 15% in patients presenting at our hospital. By building awareness and early diagnosis, we were able to more than halve the mortality from 15% to 6% in about 10 years even with monotherapy," he recalls.

Low-cost paper microscope's wider application in research

Vasudevan Mukunth

Researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have reported that a cheap microscope connected to a smartphone camera could find wider application in many areas, and in some cases potentially replace more expensive equipment.

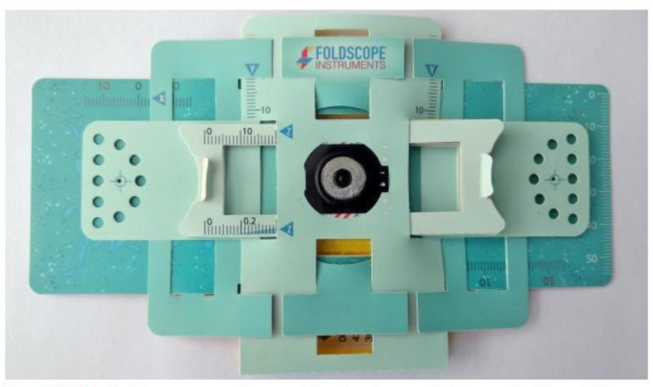
The Foldscope is a handheld microscope made mostly of paper that can be connected to a smartphone camera. It has a magnification of around 140x and can identify objects just 2 micrometres wide. It was created by the Stanford University researchers in 2014 and costs around ₹400.

The researchers found that foldscopes could capture the roundness and aspect ratio of an object to within 5% of those captured by state-of-the-art instruments called scanning electron microscopes (SEM), which cost more than ₹50 lakh each. They also report that based on their findings, foldscopes can be used in pharmaceuticals (to inspect drug products), environmental science (pollutants), and cosmetics (powders and emulsions), among other areas.

P. Anbazhagan, Associate Professor in IISc's Department of Civil Engineering and the corresponding author of the study paper, said in an email that foldscopes can be used to study "soil particles' morphology", which can "help understand soil structure, nutrient availability, and plant growth" in agriculture.

The paper was published in the journal *Current Science* on February 25, co-authored by Dr. Anbazhagan and his former PhD student, Kunjari Mog. Their focus was on the shape of soil grains.

India's soil classification scheme doesn't include grain shape because, according to Dr. Anbazhagan, measuring it accurately is "complex" and due to "the limited availability of affordable image capturing instruments". The scheme classifies soil based on size, consistency, and susceptibility to deformation. Yet, shape matters because it influences how much water some soil can hold and how the soil responds to physical stresses.



Beneficial: Foldscopes can be used to study morphology of soil particles to understand soil structure and nutrient availability.

The classification schemes work around the difficulties of assessing shape by using other measures. Dr. Anbazhagan and Dr. Mog studied whether a foldscope could bridge this gap. They collected sand from four places in 2018: the beds of the Manu and the Brahmaputra rivers, sand unearthed by an earthquake in Tripura in 2017, and sand from a metre underground in Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu. All four were coarse-grained soil with particles 0.32-0.47 mm wide.

They used two instruments – a foldscope attached to a 64MP smartphone camera and a SEM – to measure three attributes: roundness (the extent to which a particle is spherical), aspect ratio (how wide it is compared to how tall it is), and circularity (the extent to which it is circular in two dimensions). In each case, they captured an image with an instrument and analysed it using a software called ImageJ.

They found that the foldscope-based and the SEM-based readings differed by around 5% for roundness and aspect ratio for all sands, except the Tripura sand, whose measures differed by 9%. But the circularity readings differed by 50%.

The researchers attribute this to the foldscope's resolution and write that future studies could find a solution, including by enhancing the software.

The researchers found that each foldscope couldn't be used to image more than "150-200 particles" at a time because its focusing mechanism wears out. But this was balanced by the instrument's portability and affordability.

Dr. Anbazhagan said that while Foldscopes can't replace a SEM, they "allow for in-field soil analysis" and visualisation of "soil structure and properties quickly and easily in the digital era".

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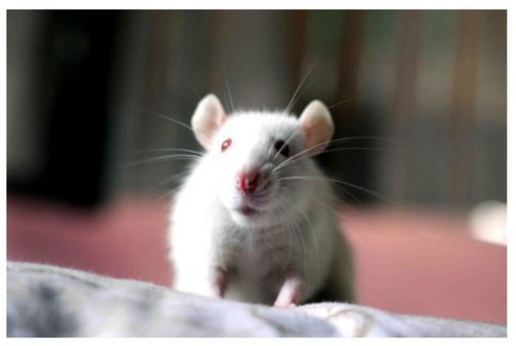

Study shows a racing heart may influence anxiety in mice

An increased heart rate is linked to an increase in anxiety-related behaviours in mice (*Nature*). The findings show how signals from the body may influence emotions such as anxiety and fear. Anxiety and fear can cause the heart to beat faster. Now, researchers have shown that the reverse may be true – an increase in heart rate might induce anxiety or fear responses. Increasing the heart rate of mice led to enhanced anxiety-like behaviours and fear in mice, but only in potentially risky environments.

Phytoplankton blooms increase in size in 21st century

Coastal phytoplankton blooms increased in both their size and their frequency between 2003 and 2020 (*Nature*). Researchers created a comprehensive map of bloom distribution and trends by assessing 7,60,000 satellite images. The total bloom-affected area in 2020 was 31.47 million sq km (8.6% of the global ocean area). This was an increase of 3.97 million sq km (13.2%) from 2003. The global median frequency also showed an increasing rate of 59.2% over the observed period.

Carbon stocks of trees in Africa were overestimated

An inventory of 10 billion trees in semi-arid sub-Saharan Africa provides estimates of the amount of carbon stored in this ecosystem (*Nature*). Researchers have assessed over 9.9 billion trees in Africa, covering 1,00,00,000 sq km of land. The average carbon stock for a single tree is 51 kg of carbon (kg C) in the hyper-arid, 63 kg C in the arid, 72 kg C in the semi-arid and 98 kg C in the sub-humid zone. Earlier attempts have overestimated the carbon stocks of trees.

Question Corner

Weight loss

Which is a more effective way to lose weight – reducing total calories or intermittent fasting?

Timing from first meal to last meal was not associated with weight loss in a six-year study. Eating less overall and fewer large meals may be a more effective weight management strategy than restricting meals to a narrow time window, such as intermittent fasting, according to a study (*Journal of the American Heart Association*) that analysed the electronic health records of about 550 adults.

Researchers at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, found that total daily number of large meals (estimated at more than 1,000 calories) and medium meals (estimated at 500-1,000 calories) were each associated with increased weight, while fewer small meals (estimated at less than 500 calories) were associated with decreasing weight, as per a release.

Though prior studies have shown intermittent fasting may improve the body's rhythms and regulate metabolism, this study in a large group with a wide range of body weights did not detect this link.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

Why is the tribal panel upset with Environment Ministry over forest rights?

What is the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes claiming about the Forest Conservation Rules of 2022?

Abhinay Lakshman

The story so far:

After the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) invoked its constitutional power to requisition detailed Forest Rights Act implementation reports from the Supreme Court, the Registrar has ordered the release of documents to the NCST. The ST Commission is caught in a row with the Union Environment Ministry over the Forest Conservation Rules (FCR), 2022. The row is over the potential violation of provisions enshrined in the Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 dubbed the Forest Rights Act (FRA).

What is the Act and the rules?

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change in June 2022, notified the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022, which prescribed the mechanism for the diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes. These amended rules have omitted a clause (present in 2014 and 2017 Rules) that explicitly required any proposal to mandatorily have the consent of local tribespeople and other traditional forest dwellers (OTFDs) of the area, before proceeding for Stage 1 clearance. The FCR, 2022 has allowed entities to go for the consent of locals, after Stage 1 or even after Stage 2 clearance. According to the FRA, 2006, in case of a dispute over forest land, precedence has to be given to the rights of STs and OTFDs, over any other party.

What is the NCST demanding?

In September, 2022, NCST Chairperson Harsh Chouhan shot off a letter to Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav, highlighting the potential consequences of FCR, 2022, recommending that they be put on hold and the previous Rules, which provided for the consent clause, be strengthened. The ST panel argued that the previous versions of the Rules provided a legal space for "ensuring completion of the processes for recognition and vesting of rights under the FRA in areas where forests are being diverted."

The ST Commission noted that it made little sense to take the consent of tribals and forest dwellers after an applicant had got Stage 1 clearance. By then, the applicant would be invested in the project and would then have the incentive to "pursue the State Governments or Union Territories" to divert the land at the earliest, it said. Further, the NCST found that even under the old rules, FRA compliance was in trouble. It said currently, nearly 25,000- 30,000 hectares of forest land was being diverted every year. It cited a study by the Centre for Environment and Development, ATREE to note: "Out of 128 applications for forest diversion for mining, over 100 had been processed between 2009 and 2018." It added that 74 proposals had Stage 2 approval, 46 had Stage 1 approval (in-principle), with just five rejected and four closed for other reasons. None of the rejections was for non-compliance of FRA. The study also found that 14 of these cases had been cleared with an FRA compliance report, despite this being far from the "ground reality".

Mr. Yadav wrote back to the NCST chief insisting that FCR, 2022 does not violate any provisions granting land rights to STs and OTFDs.

Why are index makers attracting attention from SEBI?

How do market indices work? Are Indian retail investors embracing 'passive' index-based investing? Why is SEBI bringing Index makers under regulatory purview?

Vikas Dhoot

The story so far:

Following a report by U.S.-based Hindenburg Research levelling several allegations against the Adani group, global index providers like MSCI are reviewing some of these stocks' inclusion in its indices that are replicated by many foreign portfolio managers. India's National Stock Exchange (NSE), on the other hand, has announced that five Adani group firms' stocks will be added to 14 different indices administered by a subsidiary called NSE Indices, while retaining Adani Enterprises and Adani Ports and SEZ in the Nifty 50.

What are index funds?

With thousands of stocks traded in stock markets around the world and their prices often moving in different directions, most observers assess a market's general trajectory amid these individual price swings by looking at broader benchmark indices. For instance, the Sensex represents the 30 largest and most actively traded stocks on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). While economists and governments look at market indices' movements as a barometer of the confidence levels in the economy, individual investors and fund managers use them as a gauge to compare their own portfolios' performance. Mutual funds and portfolio managers often pitch to prospective investors that their investment strategies have outperformed the Sensex or other relevant benchmarks. For retail investors, selecting single stocks or mutual fund schemes has always been a challenge. In 1976, American fund industry veteran and Vanguard Group founder John Bogle sought to address this by launching the world's first index fund. His idea was simple: if you can't find the needle in a haystack, buy the whole haystack! And this could be achieved at much lower costs than those charged by fund managers actively trading portfolios, as it was a "passive" approach of buying the index and holding. Now, such low-cost passive index funds and similarly structured exchange traded funds (that can be traded intra-day like a stock) manage trillions of dollars globally.

Each index is reviewed periodically and follows a methodology to add or drop stocks based on periodic trading data and other parameters

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How popular are such funds in India?

While index funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) have been an option for Indian investors for about two decades, they have seen an exponential growth in assets since 2015. From eight such funds in 2008, there are as many as 200 options now. About 16% of the roughly ₹41 lakh crore assets managed by India's mutual funds are parked in index funds and ETFs.

How are indices made?

Indices could be based on different industry sectors, size of companies (small-cap, mid-cap, etc) and quantitative parameters like liquidity and trading volumes and the weightage assigned to each stock in an index may vary based on their market capitalisation or other gauges that index providers adopt. NSE Indices owns and manages over 350 indices, with 117 ETFs listed in India and 12 ETFs listed abroad using these products as benchmarks. Similarly, A BSE-S&P Dow Jones Indices joint venture called Asia Index Pvt Ltd, offers an array of indices used by global and domestic investors. Each index is reviewed periodically and follows a methodology to add or drop stocks based on periodic trading data and other defined parameters. MSCI and other global providers build indices that are used by international fund managers to earmark assets to stocks in different markets. The methodologies usually provide for a review of the index composition or cessation of specific indices owing to factors such as 'exceptional circumstances', 'market disruptions' or difficulty in replicating the indices. However, they are not regulated by the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

What has SEBI proposed?

Noting the "growing dominance of Index Providers due to proliferation" of passive funds that drive capital flows towards assets that are part of a particular market index, SEBI has proposed to bring them under its regulatory purview. While there is "an element of transparency" in their functioning, SEBI believes it is possible for index makers "to exercise discretion through changes in methodology resulting in exclusion or inclusion of a stock in the index or change in the weights of the constituent stocks". Their decisions not only impact volumes, liquidity and price of such stocks but also impact index funds' returns to investors. Concerned about possibilities of conflict of interest arising in the governance and administration of indices, SEBI has proposed to introduce an accountability mechanism for them. The plan, likely to be implemented soon, includes mandating SEBI registration for index providers and subjecting them to norms pertaining to eligibility criterion, compliance, disclosures and periodic audits. Penal action is envisaged by SEBI in case of non-compliance and incorrect disclosures, among other things.

(With inputs by Prashanth Perumal)

PROFILES

Breaking the glass ceiling

Hekani Jakhalu

The Dimapur III MLA, who along with S. Kruse made history by becoming Nagaland's first woman legislators, says the election results are a victory for the State's women

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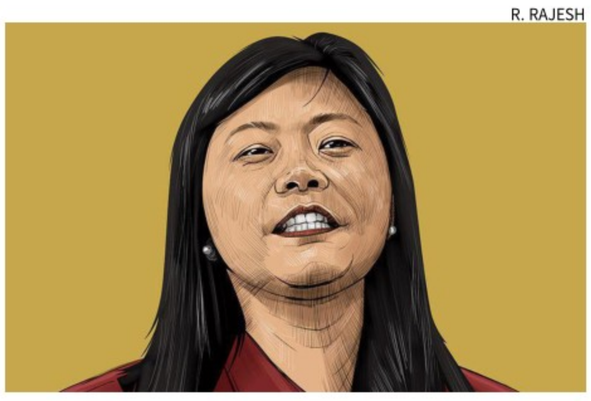

Breaking a barrier to gender equality, Hekani Jakhalu (in picture) and Salhoutuonuo Kruse became the first women to be elected to the 60-member Nagaland Assembly since the State came into being in 1963. Soon after her victory from the Dimapur III seat on Thursday, albeit by a slim margin, Ms. Jakhalu spoke to the local media, breaking into Nagamese, often the preferred lingua franca in a region which speaks different languages across tribes and villages.

"I want to tell all Naga women this is our win... I know that things will get better for our women, and when things get better for women, things will get better for the State," she said. The 48-year-old, representing the ruling Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP), an ally of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), also congratulated fellow party woman Ms. Kruse, 56, who won her Western Angami seat by the narrowest of margins.

Before returning home to launch a non-profit for youngsters, Ms. Jakhalu had studied in Delhi, and law in the U.S. Both women will be aware that they have large shoes to fill – that of Rano Shaiza, first president of the Naga Women's Federation and the first Naga woman to be elected to the Lok Sabha in 1977. Working at the height of the Naga insurgency, Ms. Shaiza had highlighted the plight of women caught in a conflict zone.

Ms. Jakhalu is based out of Dimapur, the business headquarters of the State and gateway to the capital Kohima. She has reasons to celebrate, for apart from the fact that women will now hope to find a voice in policy-making, there were only four women contestants among the 183 candidates. She plans to assess how things stand in her constituency – take a count of schools, healthcare centres, and look at roads. A doctor, who works in the area but preferred to remain anonymous, said he hopes her win will enable the repair of roads, keeping in mind that projects of community upliftment depend a lot on a good network of roads.

Outreach programme

Ms. Jakhalu told the media she wants to "map the aspirations of young people," and she has a vantage point on this, having championed YouthNet, an outreach programme to educate the youth and teach them skills that make them better equipped to find employment, a burning issue in the State. Many Nagas are forced to migrate in search of jobs.

Now that two women are in the Assembly – and Ms. S. Phangnon Konyak is in Parliament as the first woman Rajya Sabha member from Nagaland – it is the right time to again take up the election to urban local bodies. All-men tribal bodies have been resisting 33% reservation of women in ULBs ever since the Nagaland government enacted the Municipal (First Amendment) Act in 2006, claiming such reservation would violate Article 371(A) and destroy Naga culture.

Strikes, protests and violence have stalled the elections for decades. But after protracted court battles, including by women's groups, that have gone right up to the Supreme Court, the State government has been asked to give a status report when elections can be held this year.

To a question on whether it is on her agenda, Ms. Jakhalu told the local media that she would fight for reservation for women – "I think women need them."

Nagaland presents a conundrum for though on human development and social indices, women fare better than the national average on several fronts, it has not resulted in political empowerment. There are several reasons for this. First – and the male-dominated hierarchy of the State has taken refuge in this – Naga customs, culture and traditions do not allow women to participate in the decision-making process. Some people claim women have been hesitant to join politics, though most are educated and have the credentials to join the fray and can be expected to turn around a corrupt ecosystem.

"By nature, women are compassionate, we are more sensitive to people's feelings. I want to try and ensure no person is left behind," Ms. Jakhalu said. For a State still searching for peace – the sticky points in the peace deal with the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (IM) are yet to be sorted out – people will take her words as a sign of hope.

A Wall Street philanthropist

George Soros

The billionaire, who attacked India's government for being 'undemocratic', spends billions on civil society groups across geographies through his Open Society Foundations

G. Sampath

SREEJITH R. KUMAR

Hungarian-American billionaire and philanthropist George Soros, 92, has made headlines in India for making critical remarks about Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Munich Security Conference last month. In his speech, Mr. Soros identified two threats to world peace: climate change and growing conflict between 'open societies' and 'closed societies'. But there were also some states that were between the two, such as India. Mr. Soros observed that although India was a democracy its current head of government "Modi is no democrat."

Often described as "the world's most influential investor", Mr. Soros's public life and persona are struck through by an irreconcilable contradiction between, on the one hand, his extreme wealth and the predatory means by which they were accumulated, and on the other, the extreme idealism and generosity of his philanthropy.

Born in 1930 to Jewish parents in Budapest, Mr. Soros's family survived the Nazi persecution using false documents that helped them pretend to be Christians. As a 13-year-old, Mr. Soros had to go around giving deportation notices to Jewish families while his family lived with the traumatic awareness that the smallest slip could expose their true identity.

After surviving the Nazi occupation, Mr. Soros moved to Paris, and then to London, where he did a Bachelors and then a Masters in Philosophy from the London School of Economics, studying under Karl Popper. After doing some odd jobs as a railway porter and waiter, he joined a merchant bank in London before moving to an investment firm in New York, where he built up a formidable track record as an arbitrage trader and speculator specialising in European stocks.

Theory of reflexivity

In the 1960s, Mr. Soros drew on Popper's philosophical ideas to develop his theory of "reflexivity", which he then applied – with spectacular success – in the world of finance through his hedge fund Quantum. Detailed in his book, *The Alchemy of Finance* (1988), Mr. Soros's theory of reflexivity holds that because human beings are also participants of the reality they seek to understand, perceptions of reality are always flawed, and this flawed perception affects how we act on reality, which in turn shapes perception – the reflexivity of cause and effect. In finance, this meant that markets are not efficient or rational but chaotic, and necessarily subject to boom-bust cycles. And if that is so, then whoever can manipulate perceptions (or narratives) can also shape reality, and derive immense advantages – profit or power – from it.

Unlike someone like, say, Warren Buffet, Mr. Soros did not make his billions by identifying and investing in companies with strong fundamentals but by staying ahead of the curve in identifying markets or willing them into existence.

But once he had made his billions, starting with the 1980s, Mr. Soros seemed to have had enough of the world of finance. He now wanted political influence.

As the Soviet Union and the former communist bloc collapsed, Mr. Soros – or at least his public persona – morphed from that of a ruthless Wall Street mercenary to that of a benign philanthropist. In 1993, he began to set up a network of grant-giving foundations known as the Open Society Foundations (OSF). Mr. Soros has till date funnelled around $32 billion through the OSF to 37 countries, with the broad aim of nudging them into the "open societies" camp rather than closed ones.

In 2020, *Forbes* magazine ranked Mr. Soros as the world's "most generous giver", above the likes of Bill Gates and Warren Buffet. He had given away 64% of his original net worth, estimated to be $8.6 billion in 2021.

Mr. Soros cares about his legacy, and he does not want to be remembered as a stock market manipulator. He fancies himself as a philosopher, too, and with his childhood experiences under the Nazis, sees himself as someone who has a moral responsibility to prod humanity in the right direction. Hungary was one of the first to move against him. Understandably, his messianism is not always welcomed by political actors, least of all by those toward whom it is manifestly hostile.

INBRIEF

Windfall tax on diesel slashed to ₹0.50 per litre, nil on ATF

The government slashed windfall profit tax on export of diesel to its lowest of ₹0.50 per litre and on jet fuel (ATF) to nil while levy on locally-produced crude oil was marginally increased, according to an official order. The levy on crude oil produced by companies such as Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has been raised to ₹4,400 per tonne from ₹4,350 a tonne, the government said. The export tax on petrol was scrapped in the very first review. PTI

Fully-managed rented houses interest millennials: Survey

Over 50% of millennials are willing to spend more than 25% of their income on fully-managed rental accommodations for a hassle-free life, as per a survey. Co-living operator Housr has conducted a survey of more than 600 millennials that provides insight into the diverse lifestyle of millennials and their ideal housing preferences, it said in a statement. "We are seeing a shift in the way millennials approach housing," said Deepak Anand, Co-Founder & CEO, Housr. PTI

Taiwan's Foxconn seeks chip, EV cooperation with India

Major Apple Inc. supplier Foxconn said it was seeking cooperation in India in new areas like chips and electric vehicles (EVs) after a visit to the country by its chairman, Liu Young-way. "My trip this week supported Foxconn's efforts to seek cooperation in new areas such as semiconductor development and electric vehicles," Mr. Liu said. Foxconn has ambitious plans to make EVs, and is also looking to make chips. Mr. Liu, however, did not mention any new concrete investment plans in India. REUTERS

Internet should be open in India, unlike that in China: Chandrasekhar

No country can dominate the semiconductor supply chain alone when moving away from China, says the Minister of State for Electronics and IT; Urges collaboration between like-minded nations amid 'reordering of the semiconductor world'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Net norms
India's government aims to ensure the Internet remains open and is a "safe and trusted space", says **Rajeev Chandrasekhar**

- Rules concerning intermediary platforms put in place to ensure accountability, provide a 'safe and trusted' Internet: Minister
- De-risking of global supply chains from overreliance on Chinese chips can only be achieved through collaborative efforts
- Hints at U.S. CHIPS Act, India's efforts to attract investments in high-tech as examples of 'reordering' of semiconductor world

The Internet should be open in India and certainly unlike that in China, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, said on Saturday.

"We have squarely defined three boundary conditions around which we believe everyone should operate on the Indian internet," he said, speaking at a Raisina Dialogue session on 'Protecting Our Technology Futures'.

The conditions were that: "the Internet should be open; it should certainly not be like the Chinese Internet. It should be a safe and trusted space".

On de-risking global supply chains from overreliance on Chinese semiconductors, Mr. Chandrasekhar reiterated that no country could do this end-to-end without collaborating with 'like minded nations'.

'A reordering'

"There's a reordering of the semiconductor world," Mr. Chandrasekhar said, in an apparent reference to the U.S.'s CHIPS Act, and India's efforts to attract investments in manufacturing high-tech equipment.

"No country is going to be able to do this alone." Countries should not "delude" themselves into thinking they would be the "king of the hill" in localising the entire supply chain, he cautioned.

The minister dismissed criticism that the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, would threaten freedom of expression and argued that the rules had been put in place to ensure accountability for platforms as well as a "safe and trusted" Internet.

Piyush Goyal

'Exports of goods, services in FY23 may cross $750 bn'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India's goods and services exports are expected to cross $750 billion this fiscal despite the global economic uncertainties, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said.

In 2021-22, goods and services exports touched an all-time high of $422 billion and $254 billion respectively, taking the total shipments to $676 billion.

"We have crossed last year's figure already...We will hopefully cross $750 billion (this year)," he said.

Following global demand slowdown, India's exports contracted for the second consecutive month in January, dipping by 6.6% to $32.91 billion.

During April-January, goods shipments rose 8.5% to $369.25 billion, while services exports were estimated at $272 billion. He hoped by 2030, goods and services exports would touch $2 trillion.

To a question about widening trade deficit with China, he said the Centre is taking steps to boost local manufacturing of quality goods which will help in containing imports.

'Funding winter good for millions of Indian kiranas'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Arvind Mediratta

'Funding winter' is good news for millions of kiranas in India in the backdrop of many e-commerce platforms and large retail chains finding it tough to meet profitability and sustainability goals, said Metro Cash & Carry MD and CEO Arvind Mediratta.

"Many e-commerce firms and large-scale retail firms, backed by private equity and venture capital firms, are currently under severe pressure as they are not able to achieve sustainability and profitability," he said in an interview.

Many of these players were in the midst of scaling down operations and laying off people, he noted.

"Some of these players have been looking for the next round of funding for sometime now, but it may not happen some time" soon, he pointed out.

Mr. Mediratta said large players who did not have a proper business model could not survive. Many e-com start-ups were betting heavily on technology and burning cash. "But if you don't know what to buy, what to sell and at what price, you don't know this business," he cautioned.

In such a market environment, kiranas enjoyed an advantage backed by a sustainable model as they faced less competitive pressures in terms of pricing. These retail stores had played a key role in ensuring food availability throughout the pandemic and their share in India's food and beverage market, pegged at ₹40 lakh crore, had risen to 86%, he said.

Lanka's Cinnamon eyes hotels overseas

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Christian Pertl

Cinnamon Hotels and Resorts (CH&R), one of the largest luxury hotel chains in Sri Lanka, is planning to expand its footprint beyond the island nation and Maldives and has started evaluating options, said Chief Commercial Officer Christian Pertl.

"We would like to leverage the Cinnamon brand for international expansion," said Mr. Pertl in an interview. "We have started evaluating countries and partners that will go with our brand."

Currently, CH&R had 15 properties and four resorts in Maldives. It is eyeing India, Middle East and Asia for expansion.

"We have a clear mandate and are looking at opportunities. However, no time frame has been fixed. Our strategy is to have an asset light model."

He added CY24 promises to be a good year for Sri Lankan tourism.

Sport

Jaiswal's second century puts RoI on victory path

IRANI CUP

S. Dipak Ragav
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Record-breaker: Jaiswal's 357 runs is a new high in an Irani Cup match. FILE PHOTO: M. PERIASAMY

At a venue best known for Sachin Tendulkar's historic double hundred in ODIs – the first in 50-over cricket – another Mumbai batter Yashasvi Jaiswal etched his name in the record books in the longer format of the game on Saturday.

On day four of the Irani Cup at the Captain Roop Singh Stadium, Jaiswal – who had made 213 in the first innings on day one – scored 144 (157b, 16x4, 3x6) in the second to help Rest of India (RoI) set a daunting target of 437 for Madhya Pradesh. With 357 runs, Jaiswal now holds the record for most runs in an Irani Cup match.

The 21-year-old, who was 58 when day four began, looked to be batting on a different pitch as he was unperturbed by the MP pacers who were running through RoI's middle-order at the other end.

With a gentle breeze blowing across the ground on an overcast day, Avesh Khan and Ankit Kushwah utilised the conditions to reduce RoI to 122 for five.

However, Jaiswal got RoI back on track with an innings of character and skill, his decisive footwork and attractive shot-making standing out. He started with consecutive boundaries in the third-man region off Kushwah before putting his head down as wickets began to fall at the other end.

Jaiswal quickly moved from 89 to 101 off just four deliveries, hitting off-spinner Saransh Jain for three boundaries in an over. After sweeping to the square-leg fence, he whipped the ball off the backfoot past wide long-on and followed it up with a late cut to take him to his second century of the match. RoI finished at 246 in its second innings.

Skipper Himanshu Mantri was unbeaten on 51 as the hosts ended the day at 81 for two.

The scores: Rest of India — 1st innings: 484.
Madhya Pradesh — 1st innings: 294.
Rest of India — 2nd innings: Abhimanyu Easwaran b Avesh 28, Mayank Agarwal lbw b Kartikeya 0, Yashasvi Jaiswal b Jain 144, B. Indrajith lbw b Avesh 0, Yash Dhull c Gawli b Kushwah 0, Upendra Yadav lbw b Kushwah 13, Atit Sheth run out 30, Saurabh Kumar lbw b Jain 0, Pulkit Narang (not out) 15, Navdeep Saini lbw b Shubham 0, Mukesh Kumar st. Mantri b Shubham 0,

Jaiswal became the third batter after Shikhar Dhawan (2011 vs Rajasthan at Jaipur) and Hanuma Vihari (2019 vs Vidarbha at Nagpur) to score centuries in both innings of the Irani Cup

He also became the 12th Indian to score a double-century and a century in a First Class match

Jaiswal also surpassed Dhawan's tally of 332 runs in an Irani Cup match

Extras (b-8, lb-6, nb-2): 16; Total (in 71.3 overs): 246.
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-103, 3-107, 4-108, 5-122, 6-183, 7-196, 8-239, 9-246.
MP bowling: Kartikeya 24-7-48-1, Avesh 12-1-58-2, Kushwah 11-2-44-2, Jain 18-4-56-2 , Anubhav 4-0-17-0, Shubham 2.3-0-9-0.
MP — 2nd innings (Target: 437): Arham Aquil lbw b Mukesh 0, Himanshu Mantri (batting) 51, Shubham Sharma b Saurabh 13, Harsh Gawli (batting) 15; Extras (lb-1, nb-1): 2; Total (for two wkts. in 29 overs): 81.
Fall of wickets: 0-1, 2-51.
Rest of India bowling: Mukesh 7-2-16-1, Saini 4-0-20-0, Sheth 5-1-13-0 , Saurabh 8-0-20-1, Narang 5-0-11-0.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Subhir-Neerav combine crowned National rally champion

Subhir Roy and co-driver Neerav Mehta were crowned the National champions for 2022, winning the overall honours in the finals of the ProSports FMSCI Indian National TSD Rally Championship held here recently.

Other winners: INTSDRC-2 class: Harish & Chandrashekar.
INTSDRC Women: Aparna Pathak & Lalitha Gowda; INTSDRC Novice: Aritra Chakraborthy & Soham Pal.

FC Bengaluru United to take on Chennaiyin FC for the honours

FC Bengaluru United (FCBU) will face Chennaiyin FC in the final of the Stafford Cup football tournament on Monday.

In the semifinals that concluded over the past two days, FCBU beat ASC & Centre 3-2, while Chennaiyin FC needed penalties to edge out Delhi FC.

The results: FC Bengaluru United 3 (Irfan Yadwad 45, 49, 51) bt ASC & Centre 2 (Ajendr Singh 61, Khundongbam Somandda Singh 80); Chennaiyin FC 2 (Moirangthem Givson Singh 18, Sajal Bag 45+3) bt Delhi FC 2 (Fahad Temuri 67, 90+2) [4-2 on penalties].

Hockey trials for juniors tomorrow

Hockey Karnataka will conduct trials on March 6 at the Hockey Stadium in Shantinagar to select the State junior men & women teams for the Hockey India South Zone junior men & women's championship to be held at Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu from March 19 to 26. Players born on or after January 1, 2005 are eligible.

Borges' treble highlights Goa Veterans FC's big win

Niclaso Borges scored a hat-trick as Goa Veterans FC thrashed Kick Football Academy 5-0 in the Asian Veterans football tournament on Saturday.

The results: Wawasan 2020 Malaysia 2 (K. Doves 19, 35) bt BVC & RC Bangalore 0; Goa Veterans FC 5 (Pasloal Fernandes 9, Niclaso Borges 17, 23, 38, Joserose Oliveira 19)bt Kick Football Academy 0; Indo French Veterans FC Pondicherry 4 (Thoms 10, 16, Nadamoni 19, 32) bt BVC & RC Bangalore 0; Goa Veterans FC 3 (Seby Vaz 19, Curz Dias 34, 48) bt Royal Tigers Veterans Kannur 0.

Aarush's ton to no avail

Aarush Sinha's 120 went in vain as DPS, East lost to Gopalan National School by two wickets in a Super League match of the BTR Shield (Group I) under-14 first division tournament.

The scores: DPS, East 251/6 in 50 overs (Aarush Sinha 120, R. Nithin 58, Adhrit Rao 34) lost to Gopalan National School 252/8 in 48.4 overs (G. Aravind 52, Charvik 32, Kush Kumar Jha 48 n.o., Suhaan Bhandary 30 n.o., Adhrit Rao 3/36).

Max Muller HS 291/5 in 50 overs (Karan Raghavendra 31, Arya J. Gowda 60, Nitish Arya 100, M. Jayan Samyog 32, Nihaal Khan 27 n.o.) bt DPS, South 232 in 45.2 overs (Dhruv Santhosh Rao 32, Aryan Jain 60, M.H. Dhyaan 3/43).

DPS, North 235/7 in 50 overs (Shaurya Murali Ramanath 51, D. Chiranth 57, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 37, M. Assad 41 n.o.) bt Bishop Cotton Boys School 72 in 30.4 overs (M. Assad 4/32).

Presidency School, RT Nagar 170 in 49.4 overs (Kashif Ahmed Ali 34, Dheeganth S. Mavinkere 3/33) lost to Holy Saint ES 173/9 in 41.3 overs (Vishnu Reddy 30, Krushna V. Rao 70 n.o. M.S. Kunal 4/40).

Why Chhetri's free-kick goal was allowed to stand?

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
CHENNAI

Sunil Chhetri's cheeky extra-time free-kick that ended up being the winning goal for Bengaluru FC against Kerala Blasters FC on Friday sparked a controversy, leading to a Blasters walk-out. Here is why Chhetri's goal was allowed to stand:

Why was it given?

Because the referee, according to Chhetri, was aware of the forward wanting to take it early and gave the go-ahead.

Does the law allow it?

Law 13.3 of the International Football Association Board (IFAB) states: "If, when a free-kick is taken, an opponent is closer to the ball than the required distance, the kick is retaken unless the advantage can be applied; but if a player takes a free-kick quickly and an opponent who is less than 9.15m (10 yards) from the ball intercepts it, the referee allows play to continue." Chhetri chose the second option of taking it quickly.

Past instances?

Thierry Henry's goal against Chelsea in 2004 from a quick free-kick. Graham Poll, who officiated that match, justified it thus: "With a free-kick around the penalty area, we always ask the players whether they want it quick or slow," Poll was quoted as saying by *Bleacher Report*.

"This is their window of opportunity to surprise. If they want it quick, then they have given up the right to re-take it, no matter if it hits a defender who's three yards away. If they want it slow, they can't take it while I count out the 10 yards for the wall. They must wait for my whistle.

"There is nothing in the laws of the game that say we have to indicate for the free-kick to be taken."

SNAPSHOTS

Verstappen takes pole for Bahrain GP

Formula One World champion Max Verstappen seized his 21st career pole position in the season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix in Manama on Saturday with Sergio Perez completing a Red Bull front row sweep.

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc and Carlos Sainz turned out to be the closest challengers in third and fourth with Fernando Alonso lining up fifth for Aston Martin.

The grid: Row 1: Verstappen (Red Bull), Perez (Bull); **Row 2:** Leclerc (Ferrari), Sainz (Ferrari); **Row 3:** Alonso (Aston Martin), Russell (Mercedes); **Row 4:** Hamilton (Mercedes), Stroll (Aston Martin); **Row 5:** Ocon (Alpine), Hulkenberg (Haas); **Row 6:** Norris (McLaren), Bottas (Alfa Romeo); **Row 7:** Zhou (Alfa Romeo), Tsunoda (AlphaTauri); **Row 8:** Albon (Williams), Sargeant (Williams); **Row 9:** Magnussen (Haas), Piastri (McLaren); **Row 10:** De Vries (AlphaTauri), Gasly (Alpine).

Max impact: Verstappen will be eager to change the script of never winning the first race of a season. REUTERS

ATK Mohun Bagan enters ISL semifinals

ATK Mohun Bagan (ATK MB) notched up a clinical 2-0 win over Odisha FC (OFC), in front of 35,000 passionate fans, at the Indian Super League knockout-2 match in Kolkata on Saturday.

Hugo Boumous and Dimitrios Petratos scored for ATK MB, which performed better in all departments to ensure a semifinal meeting with Hyderabad FC.

The result: ATK Mohun Bagan 2 (Boumous 36, Petratos 58) bt Odisha FC 0.

WHAT A START!

After glitzy opening ceremony, WPL captains unveil the trophy

Thousands cheered on during the inaugural match of the Women's Premier League in Navi Mumbai on Saturday after a star-studded opening ceremony that witnessed Bollywood stars Kiara Advani and Kriti Sanon perform in front of a jubilant crowd. The BCCI top brass was in attendance as the five skippers unveiled the trophy.

CAPPING A FINE RUN

RoundGlass Punjab wins I-League title with a game to spare

RoundGlass Punjab on Saturday entered its name in the history books by winning the I-League title with a game to spare after notching up a dominating 4-0 victory over Rajasthan United in New Delhi. The champion's entry into the ISL, however, is subject to fulfilment of financial criteria as agreed upon by all stakeholders.

DAY TO REMEMBER

Anirudh-Vijay Sundar pair emerges champion; Purcell vs Nardi final

Anirudh Chandrasekar and Vijay Sundar Prashanth beat Toshihide Matsui and Kaito Uesugi 6-1, 4-6, [10-3] in the doubles final of the PMR Open Challenger tournament in Pune on Saturday. In singles, Max Purcell defeated Miljan Zekic 6-2, 6-3 to set up a final with Luca Nardi, a 7-6(4), 1-6, 7-5 winner over Dominik Palan.

HOT STREAK

Medvedev wins in Dubai, clinches his third title in three weeks

Daniil Medvedev won his 18th Tour-level title, and third in a row, by beating Andrey Rublev 6-2, 6-2 in an all-Russian final at the Dubai Championships on Saturday. The former No. 1 extended his winning streak to 14 matches in a run that started on Valentine's Day and included back-to-back trophies in Rotterdam and Doha.

Harmanpreet in smashing form; Mumbai Indians begins in style

After riding on the skipper's 30-ball 65, Matthews' 47 and Amelia Kerr's unbeaten 45 to amass 207, the team crushes Giants by 143 runs; Saika scalps four for Mumbai; Mooney's injury adds to the Gujarat side's woes

WPL

P.K. Ajith Kumar
NAVI MUMBAI

It was a dot ball, alright. But Ashleigh Gardner was bowling not just to Yastika Bhatia. She was bowling herself into the history of women's cricket, too.

A quiet beginning it may have been for the Women's Premier League at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in front of a big crowd on Saturday, but the storm was not far away.

First, there were some lusty, aerial hits from the West Indian Hayley Matthews. Then came an array of shots all along the ground from Harmanpreet Kaur.

The knocks from Matthews (47, 31b, 3x4, 4x6), captain Harmanpreet (65, 30b, 14x4), and Amelia Kerr (45 not out, 24b, 6x4, 1x6) ensured that the maiden innings of the WPL was one to remember. But the match wasn't.

Chasing Mumbai Indians' 207 for five, the Giants were never in the picture. Mumbai romped home by 143 runs. Even more worryingly for the Giants, their skipper and best batter Beth Mooney got injured and went back to the dressing room after facing just three balls.

For MI, Saika Ishaque, the uncapped left-arm spinner from Bengal, took four for 11.

Earlier, it was indeed a fabulous show by the MI batters. Matthews and Nat Sciver-Brunt (23) added 54 for the second wicket before the latter was sent back by Australian leg-spinner Georgia Wareham. That brought to the middle Harmanpreet, who looked determined to leave her mark on this special night. Her 89-run stand with Kerr was simply breathtaking.

In top gear: Harmanpreet toyed with the Giants bowling, smashing 14 fours in her 65. EMMANUAL YOGINI

SCOREBOARD

MUMBAI INDIANS

Yastika Bhatia c Wareham b Tanuja 1 *(8b)*, Hayley Matthews b Gardner 47 *(31b, 3x4, 4x6)*, Nat Sciver-Brunt c Sneh b Wareham 23 *(18b, 5x4)*, Harmanpreet Kaur c Hemalatha b Sneh 65 *(30b, 14x4)*, Amelia Kerr (not out) 45 *(24b, 6x4, 1x6)*, Pooja Vastrakar c Monica b Sneh 15 *(8b, 3x4)*, Issy Wong (not out) 6 *(1b, 1x6)*; Extras (b-1, w-4): 5; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 207.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-15 (Yastika, 2.3 overs), 2-69 (Sciver-Brunt, 8.5), 3-77 (Matthews, 9.6), 4-166 (Harmanpreet, 16.6), 5-201 (Pooja, 19.5).

GUJARAT GIANTS BOWLING

Gardner 4-0-38-1, Mansi 2-0-17-0, Tanuja 2-0-12-1, Monica 2-0-34-0, Wareham 3-0-30-1, Sutherland 3-0-32-0, Sneh 4-0-43-2.

GUJARAT GIANTS

S. Meghana b Sciver-Brunt 2 *(4b)*, Beth Mooney retd. hurt 0 *(3b)*, Harleen Deol c Wong b Sciver-Brunt 0 *(2b)*, Ashleigh Gardner c Matthews b Wong 0 *(1b)*, Annabel Sutherland b Saika 6 *(14b)*, D. Hemalatha (not out) 29 *(23b, 1x4, 2x6)*, Georgia Wareham b Saika 8 *(11b, 2x4)*, Sneh Rana lbw b Kerr 1 *(2b)*, Tanuja Kanwar c Sciver-Brunt b Kerr 0 *(3b)*, Mansi Joshi lbw b Saika 6 *(19b)*, Monica Patel b Saika 10 *(9b, 2x4)*; Extras (w-2): 2; Total (in 15.1 overs): 64.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-1 (Harleen, 0.6), 2-3 (Gardner, 1.2), 3-5 (Meghana, 2.3), 4-12 (Sutherland, 4.4), 5-22 (Wareham, 6.5), 6-23 (Sneh, 7.1), 7-23 (Tanuja, 7.4), 8-49 (Mansi, 12.4), 9-64 (Monica, 15.1).

MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING

Sciver-Brunt 2-0-5-2, Wong 3-0-7-1, Saika 3.1-1-11-4, Kerr 2-1-12-2, Pooja 2-0-9-0, Jintimani 2-0-12-0, Matthews 1-0-8-0.

Toss: Gujarat Giants.
PoM: Harmanpreet.
Mumbai Indians won by 143 runs.

Delighted at having sparked young girls' dreams: Smriti

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MUMBAI

When Smriti Mandhana goes out to train at her hometown of Sangli these days, she often finds several girls playing alongside boys.

"There would be four girls in a boys' under-14 team and that makes me so happy and proud that I sit down and watch them for a while before I begin my training," she said a few hours before the start of the Women's Premier League, which will inspire all those girls to dream big.

"Before the 2017 World Cup, we were hoping to see more and more girls picking up bats and balls to play cricket," she said.

Smriti is delighted that she is leading Royal Challengers Bangalore, a franchise that has such a strong tradition and a large, royal fan base. The franchise spent ₹3.4 crore to ensure her services.

She was the first player to go under the hammer. She ended up as the WPL's costliest player. She said her price tag put no added pressure on her. "RCB's men's team has an amazing legacy," Smriti said. "I am happy to lead this wonderful team."

Smriti and RCB chairman Mishra. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

RCB has indeed been able to put together one of the strongest sides in the WPL, that too after spending a quarter of its purse on Smriti.

"We had been preparing for the auctions even before the date was announced," explained Prathmesh Mishra, chairman of RCB and chief commercial officer, Diageo India.

"Our team was working behind the scenes and we had identified the top 100 players. I would say we got 95, if not 99, percent of the players we wanted. We got the captain. That was the most important part of that strategy," he said.

On Sunday: RCB vs. Delhi Capitals (3.30 p.m.); UP Warriorz vs. Gujarat Giants (7.30 p.m.).

Defenders down Heroes, enter final

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

Iranian Danial Moatazedi kept the Calicut Heroes guessing at crucial stages in the semifinal against Ahmedabad Defenders in the Prime Volleyball League here on Saturday.

Will he send a drop or a smash? That was the question the Heroes often had and that helped the Defenders pull off a thrilling 3-1 victory and enter the final.

It was evident at the end of the first set when Danial came up with a sharp tap which helped the Defenders take the opening advantage after universal R. Angamuthu's and atttacker Nandagopal's heroics. And after Angamuthu helped the Defenders to a 13-12 lead in the third set , middle blocker Danial brought two points that carried the Defenders to 15-14. A little later, two mistakes from the Heroes helped the Defenders take a 2-1 lead.

With setter Ukkarapandian playing his part nicely, Calicut universal Jerome and outside hitter Falah were in form in the fourth set which was neck and neck till 11. But two super points turned the match in Defenders' favour.

The result: Ahmedabad Defenders bt Calicut Heroes 3-1 (17-15, 9-15, 17-15, 15-11).

Shidong keeps his red-hot form going, enters final

WTT CONTENDER GOA

Amol Karhadkar
PANAJI

The teenage trio of Lin Shidong, Felix Lebrun and Miwa Harimoto emerged the showstoppers on the penultimate day of the WTT Star Contender Goa 2023.

It turned out to be a super Saturday at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium with the GenNext continuing its stellar show. Shidong, 17, kept his sensational week going to make short work of 16-year-old Lebrun's challenge in straight games in the semifinals to set up an all-Chinese men's singles final.

Miwa, the 14-year-old from Japan, suffered a fate similar to her elder brother Tomokazu. She went down in the women's singles semifinals after putting on a spirited show against top seed Wang Yidi. Miwa led 2-1 but eventually Wang used all her experience to stave off the challenge in 84 minutes and book a final face-off against unseeded Cheng I-Ching of Chinese Taipei.

Shidong will take on compatriot Liang Jingkun, who halted crowd favourite Tomokazu's march in four games. Liang's fierce power, especially with his backhand winners, left a packed auditorium spellbound.

Spirited display: Lebrun overcame Jang in the quarterfinals, but went down to Shidong in the last-four game. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Despite matching Shidong's speed in the semifinals, the bespectacled Lebrun overcame Korea's Woojin Jang in the quarterfinals in what was arguably the match of the day. Lebrun, with his penhold grip, was involved in sensational rallies against his fancied opponent as the match went right down the wire.

Trailing 8-10 in the decider, Lebrun forced Jang into a mistake with his serve before hitting an amazing crosscourt forehand topspin winner off the third ball. He went on to save another match-point before closing the match and receiving a standing ovation. Miwa, meanwhile, turned out to be twice unlucky as she and her partner Shunsuke Togami lost to Jang and Jihee Jeon in the mixed doubles final.

The results:
Men (semifinals): Liang Jingkun (Chn) bt Tomokazu Harimoto (Jpn) 11-9, 11-6, 8-11, 11-5; Lin Shidong (Chn) bt Felix Lebrun (Fra) 11-7, 11-5, 11-4.
Women (semifinals): Cheng I-Ching (Tpe) bt Miu Hirano (Jpn) 12-10, 9-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-5; Wang Yidi (Chn) bt Miwa Harimoto (Jpn) 11-4, 7-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-8.
Mixed doubles (final): Woojin Jang & Jihee Jeon (Kor) bt Shunsuke Togami & Miwa Harimoto (Jpn) 11-7, 8-11, 12-10, 11-7.

Karnataka pips Meghalaya, regains Santosh Trophy

FOOTBALL

Amitabha Das Sharma
RIYADH

Karnataka came up with a dominant performance to prevail over a fighting Meghalaya 3-2 in the final of the 76th National football championship for Santosh Trophy here on Saturday.

This was the first trophy for Karnataka which had previously won four times as Mysore, after a gap of 54 years after 1968-69).

Karnataka took a 3-1 lead at the break. Sheen Stevenson pulled one back at the hour mark when Donlad Diengdoh left the ball with a nice dummy on a Banskhemlang Mawlong cross (2-3).

Smiles all around: The jubilant Karnataka team after its successful campaign. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Early goal

Earlier, Karnataka went into the lead in the second minute, thanks to a long throw from Robin Yadav which opened the chance for Sunil Kumar to take a successful crack at the Meghalaya goal.

Karnataka's joy was shortlived though, as Meghalaya won a penalty in the eighth minute when Karnataka defender G. Nikhil brought down Sheen Stevenson in his own box. Brolington Warlarphi found the net from the spot.

Meghalaya had another close chance a couple of minutes later but Figo Syndai could not keep his shot on target. This appeared a costly mistake as Karnataka regained the lead in the 19th minute when Sunil Kumar brought down a Jacob John cross to set up Bekey Oram, who made no mistake with his finishing. Robin Yadav made it 3-1 just before half-time, sending home a delectable free-kick taken from just outside the box.

Earlier, Services won the third place beating Punjab 2-0 in the playoff match held before the final. Shafeel P.P. and Christopher Kamei found the target once in each half to realise the win for the 2018-19 champion.

The third-place playoff match also saw the introduction of the VAR system making it the first time an Indian men's team played under the electronic referral procedure for the referee. The system was not used in the match but it was in place for the Saudi Arabian referee Mohammed Al Daqqash to consult.

The results:
Final: Meghalaya 2 (Brolington 8-pen, Sheen Stevenson 60) lost to Karnataka 3 (Sunil Kumar 2, Bekey 19, Robin 44).
Third-place playoff: Services 2 (Shafeel 7, Christopher 60) bt Punjab 0.

Nelson nets for Arsenal in the nick of time

What a finish! Substitute Nelson completed Arsenal's incredible revival in the seventh minute of stoppage-time. AFP

EURO LEAGUES

Agencies
MANCHESTER

Arsenal recovered from conceding the second fastest goal in Premier League history as Reiss Nelson's stoppage-time strike gave the Premier League leader a thrilling 3-2 win over Bournemouth after title rival Manchester City beat Newcastle 2-0 on Saturday.

Philip Billing gave Bournemouth the lead after just 9.11 seconds with a clinical strike.

Arsenal fell further behind in the 57th minute as Marcos Senesi escaped Thomas Partey to glance a header past Aaron Ramsdale from a corner. Partey made amends for his slack marking when he reduced the deficit with a close-range finish.

Arsenal seized the momentum and equalised through Ben White's powerful finish from Nelson's cross in the 70th minute. Nelson completed Arsenal's incredible revival in the seventh minute of stoppage-time when the substitute produced a superb finish from 20 yards.

The results: Premier League: Arsenal 3 (Partey 62, White 70, Nelson 90+7) bt Bournemouth 2 (Billing 1, Senesi 57); Chelsea 1 (Fofana 53) bt Leeds 0; Manchester City 2 (Foden 15, Silva 67) bt Newcastle 0.

On Friday: Bundesliga: Borussia Dortmund 2 (Reus 21-pen, Can 39) bt Leipzig 1 (Forsberg 74).

Hunting Goddess thunders to victory in the Sprinters' Cup

My Opinion pips Arc De Triomphe and Success to take the honours in the Stayers' Cup

RACING

Cyrus J. Madan
Riaz Babu
BENGALURU

One could not have asked for more from the first day of the Invitation Weekend. The Zavaray S. Poonawalla Sprinters Cup became an all-Mumbai affair, with the 5-year-old bay Hunting Goddess hunting down the 8-year-old Iron Age in the last 100 metres to win by a shade over a length.

The got-abroad daughter of Territories out of Regency, trained by Pesi Shroff, was ridden with aplomb by P.S. Chouhan. The winner is owned by Mr. and Mrs Shirke, the Dhunjibhoys and Darashah Bloodstock Pvt. Ltd.

The Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Memorial Stayers Cup produced one of the most exciting finishes ever witnessed on the Bengaluru Turf.

Three horses went past the post locked together in mortal combat. A mere head separated them and what a moment it was for the winner My Opinion. Aged eight, he's still a force to reckon with.

Owned by the Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy of Chettiar Charitable Trust, the oldest horse in the line-up got his elegant head in front of long-time leader Arc De Triomphe with the 4-year-old Success an identical distance behind in third.

Trained by Chennai-based B.Suresh, the got-abroad son of Dialed In was given an absolutely brilliant ride by Y.S. Srinath, who at 47 was probably the oldest jockey in the race.

It was a day to remember for Chouhan as won three races on the day.

THE RESULTS:

1. ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB MILLION: CYRENIUS (A. Sandesh) 1, Aquamatic (S. Saqlain) 2, Foi (Bhawani Singh) 3 and Limited Edition (Mustakim Alam) 4. Not run: Divine Blessings and Capriati. 4-1/2, 1-1/4 and 1. 1m, 25.43s. ₹16 (w), 12, 17 and 17 (p), SHP: 45, THP: 38, FP: 58, Q: 56, Trinella: 334, Exacta: 3,563. Favourite: Cyrenius.

Owners: Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram & Mr. P.J. Vazifdar. Trainer: S. Padmanabhan.

2. MADRAS RACE CLUB MILLION: SANTORINO (S. John) 1, Rue St Honore (Neeraj Rawal) 2, Inyouwebelieve (P. Trevor) 3 and Golden Time (S. Saqlain) 4. 4-1/2, 1/2 and 3/4. 2m, 05.91s. ₹21 (w), 12, 29 and 14 (p), SHP: 92, THP: 51, FP: 406, Q: 325, Trinella: 1,826, Exacta: 22,954. Favourite: Santorino.

Owners: Mr. Santhosh G, Mr. Francis Arun Kumar, Mr. Nirmal Singh & Mr. Mohd. Javeed Ghatala. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

3. COROMANDEL GROMOR JUVENILE MILLION: FAST PACE (P.S. Chouhan) 1, She Can (Akshay Kumar) 2, Golden Peaks (I. Chisty) 3 and Moonlight Queen (S. Saqlain) 4. 3-1/4, 2-1/4 and 1-3/4. 1m, 12.97s. ₹32 (w), 15, 10 and 11 (p), SHP: 33, THP: 44, FP: 88, Q: 34, Trinella: 155, Exacta: 750. Favourite: She Can.

Owner: M/S. Kunal Gupta Stud Farm LLP. Trainer: B. Prithviraj.

4. ROYAL WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB MILLION: ASHWA YUDHVIR (Suraj Narredu) 1, Last Wish (Srinath) 2, Supreme Dance (Yash Narredu) 3 and Philosophy (A. Sandesh) 4. 1, 3/4 and Lnk. 1m, 37.18s. ₹83 (w), 24, 19 and 42 (p), SHP: 58, THP: 97, FP: 537, Q: 533, Trinella: 7,496, Exacta: 46,380. Favourite: Philosophy.

Owner: Mr. Ravinder Pal Singh Chauhan. Trainer: Rajesh Narredu.

5. ZAVARAY S. POONAWALLA SPRINTERS' CUP: HUNTING GODDESS (TERRITORIES-REGENCY) P.S. CHOUHAN 1, Iron Age (Strong Suit-Intrigue) P. Trevor 2, Leopard Rock (Kingda Ka-Bedame Mucho) Yash Narredu 3 and Cool Rider (Phoenix Tower-Dance To The Tune) Srinath 4. 1-1/2, 2-3/4 and 3/4. 1m, 10.93s. ₹54 (w), 16, 14 and 20 (p), SHP: 40, THP: 55, FP: 130, Q: 58, Trinella: 1,073, Exacta: 4,617. Favourite: Iron Age.

Owners: Mr. Vijay B. Shrike, Mrs. Vijay B. Shirke, Five Stars Shipping Co. Pvt. Ltd. rep. by Mr. K.N. Dhunjibhoy & Mr. Z.K. Dhunjibhoy & Darashaw Bloodstock Pvt. Ltd. rep. by M/s. Keki D. Mehta and Dara K. Mehta. Trainer: P. Shroff.

6. TETRASOFT MILLION: FORSETI (P.S. Chouhan) 1, Yukan (S. Saqlain) 2, Star Glory (Suraj Narredu) 3 and Shubankar (Akshay Kumar) 4. Hd, 1-3/4 and 1. 1m, 25.02s. ₹16 (w), 11, 14 and 15 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 40, FP: 50, Q: 48, Trinella: 260, Exacta: 465. Favourite: Forseti.

Owner: Mr. Rajan Aggarwal. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

7. DR. M.A.M RAMASWAMY CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD MEMORIAL STAYERS' CUP: MY OPINION (DAILED IN-LOVE ME GOOD) SRINATH 1, Arc De Triomphe (Kingda Ka-Aquamarine) P. Trevor 2, Success (Havana Gold-Columella) Suraj Narredu 3 and Chamonix (Dunaden-Beacon Lady) P.S. Chouhan 4. Hd, Hd and 1. 3m, 15.97s. ₹50 (w), 14, 12 and 14 (p), SHP: 30, THP: 34, FP: 200, Q: 68, Trinella: 494, Exacta: 1,873. Favourite: Arc De Triomphe.

Owner: Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: B. Suresh.

8. MYSORE RACE CLUB MILLION: CHINKY PINKY (B. Dharshan) 1, The Athabasca (Sai Kiran) 2, Ooh La La (P. Mani) 3 and Breeze Bluster (Akshay Kumar) 4. Not run: Oasis Class. Nose, Snk and 3/4. 1m, 13.98s. ₹252 (w), 46, 212 and 37 (p), SHP: 858, THP: 98, FP: 20,091, Q: 5,953, Trinella: 86,542 (carried over), Exacta: 79,283 (carried over). Favourite: Aldgate.

Owner and trainer: Mr. Darius R. Byramji.

Jackpot: ₹3,26,805 (carried over).

Runner-up: 1,474 (95 tkts.).

Treble (i): 605 (24 tkts.); (ii): 4,062 (nine tkts.).

Rewarding a champion: Zavaray S. Poonawalla, second from left, presenting the Sprinters' Cup to the owners of Hunting Goddess K.N. Dhunjibhoy, Mr. and Mrs. Vijay B. Shirke in the presence of trainer Pesi Shroff, left, and jockey P.S. Chouhan, second from right, Surender Reddy (HRC chairman), Shivkumar Kheny (BTC chairman) and M.A.M.R. Muthiah (MRC chairman). K. MURALI KUMAR

Great win: Trainer B. Suresh leading in My Opinion (Y.S. Srinath up) that won the Stayers' Cup by a narrow margin. K. MURALI KUMAR

Juliette and Kings Ransom spearhead the challenge in the Invitation Cup

Cyrus J. Madan
BENGALURU

In 1983, the Hyderabad Race Club ushered in a new epoch in the history of the Indian racing when it brought in a corporate sponsor for the Invitation Cup.

On Sunday, the Bangalore Turf Club will become the first to bring in an international sponsor to support the country's most prestigious race, which will be run as The Royal Arion Club Indian Turf Invitation Cup.

The Royal Arion Club will be opening up a new dimension in India, offering members an opportunity to be part of horse racing not just in India but on the world stage.

Thirteen runners had been declared to start, but with the withdrawal of Kancha and Imperial Power, the 11-horse field has three 4-year-old fillies and five 4-year-old colts representing the challenge from the crop of classic vintage.

When the Invitation Cup was last run here in 2017, a filly named Temerity not only set the track record that still stands, but also set in motion the incredible sequence of the 'fairer sex' winning the next five editions.

The trend looks like to continue as the fillies and the mare seem to hold all the aces.

The bid for getting to that magical mark of seven will be spearheaded by the defending champion Juliette.

The seven-year-old mare will not find the going easy, with a determined challenge being thrown by the three four-year-old fillies – the Indian Derby winner Mirra, the runner-up Kings Ransom, and Bangalore Derby champion La Reina.

Record beckons

It promises to be a hectic race and we might just see another record being set if the mare and three fillies take the first four places. As I've always been a bit of a romantic, it's Juliette for me with Kings Ransom leading the rest.

The Major P.K. Mehra Super Mile, with nine top-class horses in the fray, will probably see the three four-year-old colts – Ahead Of My Time, Ravishing Form and Once You Go Black – vie for supremacy.

Ahead Of My Time, the Indian 2000 Guineas winner, is the one to beat.

He went down narrowly in his last start to Northern Lights, but on that occasion he was conceding weight. This time they meet with the terms in his favour and that should see him turn the tables on his vanquisher.

TURF AUTHORITY OF INDIA AWARDS

Hall of Fame inductee: P.G. Belliappa
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Champion Trainer: Pesi Shroff.
Champion Jockey: Suraj Narredu
Champion Stud Farm: Usha and Mehra Stud Farms
Horse Of The Year: Zuccarelli

WHAT THE PROFESSIONALS SAY

SUPER MILE CUP

P.S. Chouhan: Northern Lights may not be well in on the terms with Ahead Of My Time, but he's a top miler and can pull it off.

Dallas Todywalla: Ahead Of My Time is a full brother to two Sprinters Cup winners but I always felt he needed more ground than his siblings. I think he has an outstanding chance.

James Mckeown: I've targeted Once You Go Black for this race and he has the class to come out and win.

Parvati Byramji: Ravishing Form is a super miler and although he ran behind Ahead Of My Time in the Indian 2000 Guineas, I feel he's well and will be right there.

INVITATION CUP

Karthik Ganapathy: Juliette is as well as she could ever be and has an outstanding chance.

Arjun Mangalorkar: Salento came into his own in Hyderabad where he's unbeaten in the classics he has run. He is top class horse and don't let that 'lucky in Hyderabad and nowhere else' fool you. He's going to be right there at the busy end.

P. Trevor: Supernatural surprised a lot of people when he won the Bangalore Summer Derby. He relishes this track and will run a great race.

Malesh Narredu: Wall Street ran a great race in the Indian Derby and has come on a lot after that. He was a little short of experience and I think that run has done him a world of good.

P.S. Chouhan: The draw and the luck of the race were not in my favour in the Indian Derby. I think King's Ransom will run a far better race in the Invitation.

S. Padmanabhan: La Reina ran just a neck behind Mirra in the Bangalore Oaks. I hope to reverse that on Sunday and they all have to beat my filly.

Arjun Mangalorkar: Mirra has justified the confidence and my belief in her by winning the Indian Derby. Runs with a great chance.

Mirra for The Royal Arion Club Indian Turf Invitation Cup

Riaz Babu
BENGALURU

THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION WEEKEND 2023

The Indian Derby winner Mirra, who is in fine form, appeals most in The Royal Arion Club Indian Turf Invitation Cup, the feature event on the concluding day of the Invitation Weekend here on Sunday (March 5).

1 The Foster's Million (1200m), rated 60 to 85, rated 20 to 45 — 1.15 p.m.

1	Knight In Hooves	Rajesh Narredu	M. Prabhakaran	10	60
2	Polished Girl	Rajesh Narredu	Suraj Narredu	3	56
3	Promise Kept	A. Mangalorkar	P. Trevor	9	56
4	Del Mar	Pradeep Annaiah	L.A. Rozario	11	55.5
5	Kensington Court	Irfan Ghatala	S. Saqlain	2	54
6	Prince Abir	S.S. Attaollahi	R.N. Darshan	5	54
7	Obsidian	Prasanna Kumar	Hindu Singh	7	53.5
8	Smithsonian	Aravind Ganapathy	C.S. Jodha	8	53.5
9	Isnt She Beautiful	S. Padmanabhan	Neeraj Rawal	1	52
10	Anakin	V. Lokanath	Mustakim Alam	12	51.5
11	Devils Magic	Neil B. Devaney	Imran Chisty	6	51
12	Queen Spirit	S.S. Attaollahi	Akshay Kumar	4	51

POLISHED GIRL: Her run in Cool Rider's 1,200m at Mysuru is best ignored. **PROMISE KEPT:** A comfortable winner of her last start over 1,200m in the lower class; can repeat. **ISNT SHE BEAUTIFUL:** As a favourite ran Cool Rider to 3/4 length over 1,200m; may make amends. **DEVILS MAGIC:** Justified the favouritism by winning a 1,200m in the lower class in a gutsy manner; may repeat. **QUEEN SPIRIT:** Twice second; may raise a winning gallop today.

1. ISNT SHE BEAUTIFUL | 2. POLISHED GIRL | 3. QUEEN SPIRIT

2 The Sans Craintes Stud Juvenile Million (1200m), Maiden 3-y-o only — 1.50 p.m.

1	Art Gallery	S. Dominic	Y.S. Srinath	10	56
2	Blackstone	Mahmood Khan	P. Mani	8	56
3	Irish Coffee	Pradeep Annaiah	Hindu Singh	4	56
4	Leather Back	Warren Singh	A. Ashhad Asbar	9	56
5	Nevada Gold	Prasanna Kumar	Nazerul Alam	5	56
6	Ricardo	A. Mangalorkar	A. Sandesh	13	56
7	Synthesis	Rajesh Narredu	Suraj Narredu	3	56
8	The Gallery Time	Sharat Kumar	K. Sai Kiran	7	56
9	Tiger Shark	Neil Darashah	V.R. Jagadeesh	2	56
10	Fifth Element	Rajesh Narredu	Khurshad Alam	1	54.5
11	Madam Rich	B. Prithviraj	Vivek G	11	54.5
12	Snowpiercer	S.S. Attaollahi	P. Trevor	6	54.5
13	Spirit Of The Rose	Parvati Byramji	Imran Chisty	12	54.5

ART GALLERY: Has come on after his third to In Thy Light (1,100m). **RICARDO:** First run; judiciously prepared. **SYNTHESIS:** A debutant; impressed in a mock race. **MADAM RICH:** Working well; may upset. **SNOWPIERCER:** Looks fit enough.

1. SYNTHESIS | 2. ART GALLERY | 3. RICARDO

3 The Delhi Race Club Million (1800m), rated 20 to 45 — 2.25 p.m.

1	Dragon's Gold	Parvati Byramji	B. Dharshan	10	61
2	Winmylove	Neil B. Devaney	S. John	5	61
3	Silver Canyon	S.S. Attaollahi	P. Trevor	3	60.5
4	Sea Blush	Warren Singh	Hindu Singh	11	60
5	Star Comet	S. Ganapathy	Bhawani Singh	8	60
6	Turkoman	S. Padmanabhan	Vinod Shinde	12	60
7	King Of War	V. Lokanath	Vivek G	14	59.5
8	Stellar Gold	S. Ganapathy	R.N. Darshan	4	58.5
9	George Everest	Neil Darashah	Likith Appu	7	57
10	Great Hope	C.D. Monnappa	V.R. Jagadeesh	2	57
11	Castaneda	A. Mangalorkar	Antony Raj S	1	55.5
12	King Pompous	Rajesh Narredu	M. Prabhakaran	9	55
13	Southerna-ristocrat	M. Rajendra Singh	Mustakim Alam	6	53
14	Solid Power	Pradeep Annaiah	S. Saqlain	13	52.5
15	My Vision	S. Inayathulla	R. Rayan Ahmed	15	52

DRAGON'S GOLD: Unplaced in both his starts; shaping well in the trials. **WINMYLOVE:** Looks fit and well. **SILVER CANYON:** Has come on after her run in Mirra's Wolf 777 Bangalore Oaks (2,400m). **STELLAR GOLD:** A runaway winner of her last start over 1,600m in the lower class; retains form. **CASTANEDA:** His last run in Georgraphique's 2,400m at Mumbai is best ignored.

1. SILVER CANYON | 2. STELLAR GOLD | 3. CASTANEDA

4 The Dashmesh Stud Juvenile Million (1400m), 3-y-o — 3.00 p.m.

1	Knotty Charmer	Prasanna Kumar	Akshay Kumar	8	58.5
2	Brave Trooper	Rakesh	Hindu Singh	6	55.5
3	Del Pico	Irfan Ghatala	S. Saqlain	4	55.5
4	Saigon	Aravind Ganapathy	C.S. Jodha	5	55.5
5	Crown Witness	S. Narredu	Vinod Shinde	7	51.5
6	Invincible	Darius Byramji	Imran Chisty	2	51.5
7	King Of Kesari	K. Aditya	Vivek G	3	51.5
8	Mazal Tov	Neil B. Devaney	Neeraj Rawal	1	51.5

KNOTTY CHARMER: Won both his starts impressively; may make it three in a row. **DEL PICO:** A resolute winner over 1,400m on his debut; in fine fettle. **CROWN WITNESS:** Has come on after his fourth to Del Pico. **INVINCIBLE:** After a forward run finished third to Stellantis (1,100m); in good condition. **MAZAL TOV:** Appeals on weights.

1. DEL PICO | 2. INVINCIBLE | 3. KNOTTY CHARMER

5 The Suresh Mahindra Multi-Million Trophy (1400m), 4-y-o & over — 3.35 p.m.

1	Ashwa Bravo	A. Khan	Yash Narredu	3	60
2	Knotty Dancer	Prasanna Kumar	S. John	12	60
3	Sea Lion	Neil Darashah	Y.S. Srinath	6	58.5
4	Priceless Gold	Rajesh Narredu	Suraj Narredu	7	58
5	Imperial Blue	Irfan Ghatala	Antony Raj S	13	56.5
6	All Attractive	Prithviraj	P.S. Chouhan	1	55.5
7	Douglas	Neil B. Devaney	Imran Chisty	5	55.5
8	Jeweller	V.S. Parmar	D.S. Deora	11	55.5
9	Moon's Blessing	S.S. Attaollahi	Akshay Kumar	2	54
10	Pense'e	James Mckeown	Neeraj Rawal	9	54
11	Son of A Gun	Narendra Lagad	Mustakim Alam	10	54
12	Successor	Dallas Todywalla	A. Sandesh	4	54
13	Tough Cookie	Pradeep Annaiah	Vivek G	8	52.5

PRICELESS GOLD: Justified favouritism by winning the Qutab Shahi Million (1,600m) in a gutsy manner at Malakpet; maintains form. **IMPERIAL BLUE:** A last outing winner over 1,600m; may score an encore. **ALL ATTRACTIVE:** His last run is best ignored. **MOON'S BLESING:** Third to Imperial Blue; earlier won two races; in fine trim. **SUN OF A GUN:** An easy winner of his last start over 1,400m at Mumbai; maintains form. **SUCCESSOR:** Fourth to Northern Lights at Mumbai; moving well in the morning trials here.

1. IMPERIAL BLUE | 2. SON OF A GUN | 3. ALL ATTRACTIVE

6 The Maj.P.K.Mehra Memorial Super Mile Cup (1600m), 4-y-o & over — 4.10 p.m.

1	Black Onyx	Magan Singh	D.S. Deora	1	59
2	Cavarozzi	C.D. Monnappa	L.A. Rozario	5	59
3	Kensington	A. Mangalorkar	Antony Raj S	4	59
4	Northern Lights	P. Shroff	P.S. Chouhan	8	59
5	Ahead Of My Time	Dallas Todywalla	A. Sandesh	6	57.5
6	Once You Go Black	James Mckeown	Akshay Kumar	7	57.5
7	Ravishing Form	Parvati Byramji	Imran Chisty	2	57.5
8	Queen Envied	Irfan Ghatala	S. Saqlain	3	56
9	Victoria Punch	Irfan Ghatala	Y.S. Srinath	9	56

NORTHERN LIGHTS: Won his last start impressively at Mumbai; may repeat. **AHEAD OF MY TIME:** A consistent performer; the Mumbai challenger is in pink of condition. **ONCE YOU GO BLACK:** After a forward run finished seventh to Mirra in the Indian Derby; he is well within himself. **RAVISHING FORM:** Has improved a lot since his run in the Indian Derby. **QUEEN ENVIED:** Finished fifth to King's Ransom in the Villoo C. Poonawalla Indian Oaks (2,400m); well tuned.

1. AHEAD OF MY TIME | 2. NORTHERN LIGHTS | 2. RAVISHING FORM

7 The Royal Arion Club Indian Turf Invitation Cup (2400m), 4-y-o & over — 4.45 p.m.

1	Blazing Bay	Karthik Ganapathy	Bhawani Singh	7	59
2	Evaldo	Prasanna Kumar	S. John	2	59
3	Juliette	Karthik Ganapathy	C.S. Jodha	5	57.5
4	Dyf	Adhiraj S Jodha	Neeraj Rawal	8	57
5	Imperial Power	–	–	–	57
6	Kancha	–	–	–	57
7	Salento	A. Mangalorkar	Akshay Kumar	6	57
8	Supernatural	P. Shroff	P. Trevor	9	57
9	Trevalius	James Mckeown	S. Saqlain	13	57
10	Wall Street	M Narredu	Suraj Narredu	10	57
11	King's Ransom	P. Shroff	P.S. Chouhan	4	55.5
12	La Reina	S. Padmanabhan	A. Sandesh	3	55.5
13	Mirra	A. Mangalorkar	Antony Raj S	8	55.5

JULIETTE: Won the D & A Reality Eclipse Stakes (2,000m) in a resolute manner; the 7-y-o is in great heart. **DYF:** A good fourth to Mirra in the Indian Derby; may trouble the best. **SALENTO:** Winner of the Wolf 777 Golconda Derby (2,400m) at Malakpet; retains form. **SUPERNATURAL:** His last run in Mirra's Indian Derby is best ignored. **WALL STREET:** A good third to Mirra; has improved since. **KING'S RANSOM:** In a ding dong duel finished a close second to Mirra; may avenge the defeat. **MIRRA:** Won the Indian Derby in a thrilling finish; may score encore.

1. MIRRA | 2.KING'S RANSOM | 3. JULIETTE

8 The Japan Cup (1400m), rated 40 to 65 — 5.25 p.m.

1	Artemis Ignacia	Neil Darashah	Likith Appu	3	60
2	Black Eagle	M. Srinivas Reddy	Akshay Kumar	10	60
3	Kings Speech	M. Rajendra Singh	S Zervan	6	57
4	Slainte	James Mckeown	P. Trevor	12	56.5
5	Nikolina	Prasanna Kumar	Vivek G	14	55.5
6	Archway	A. Mangalorkar	Antony Raj S	9	55
7	Kulsum	Irfan Ghatala	S. Saqlain	2	55
8	Pink Jasmine	S.S. Attaollahi	L.A. Rozario	8	55
9	Prime Abbess	S. Padmanabhan	A. Sandesh	13	55
10	The Republic Power	Sharat Kumar	K. Sai Kiran	5	55
11	Amreli	Pradeep Annaiah	Y.S. Srinath	1	54.5
12	Classic Charm	S. Ganapathy	R.N. Darshan	15	54.5
13	Crown Consort	S. Narredu	Yash Narredu	11	54.5
14	Ashtar	Surender G T	Akash Agarwal	4	52.5
15	Ashwa Parth	A. Khan	Vinod Shinde	7	50

ARTEMIS IGNACIA: Has come on after her third to Anakin (1,200m). **BLACK EAGLE:** A resolute winner of his last two starts in Hyderabad; may extend his winning streak. **SLAINTE:** Winner of her last start over 1,200m in the lower class at Chennai; in good shape. **KULSUM:** In line for a hat-trick. **AMRELI:** Carried 60.5 kg to a gutsy win over 1,200m in the lower class; maintains form.

1. AMRELI | 2.KULSUM | 3. ARTEMIS IGNACIA

Day's Best: DEL PICO | **Double:** SILVER CANYON - AMRELI
Jackpot: 4,5,6,7 & 8 | **Treble:** (i): 3,4,5; (ii): 6,7, 8

India's pitch strategy raises a few eyebrows

This team lacks the accomplished players of spin that India boasted of in the past and the batters, having hardly played any domestic cricket, are struggling on such surfaces

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

S. Dinakar
INDORE

Australia defeated India at its own game on a viciously turning pitch used for the third Test at the Holkar Stadium here. The nature of the pitch earned it three demerit points from Match Referee Chris Broad. A definite blot.

This Indian team has a potent pace attack. One that exceeded expectations on foreign soil, and won successive series on the bouncy Australian pitches. Why then such dry, wickedly turning tracks with uneven bounce where you can see puffs of dust from the first over of the Test?

India preparing such tracks, loaded in favour of spinners, where cricket happens in fast-forward mode, stems from a deep sense of insecurity.

Talking to the media after the Test, India skipper Rohit Sharma vehemently defended such pitches. India seems to have got into a negative mindset where it believes the only way to win at home is to prepare such tracks.

Bamboozled! Even Pujara had no clue on negotiating the pitch in the first outing. R.V. MOORTHY

The Indian batters – having hardly played any domestic cricket – are struggling on these very pitches where their footwork has come under sharp scrutiny.

This team lacks the accomplished players of spin that India boasted of in the past. Ironically, when replying to a question about former cricketers criticising such tracks, Rohit's response was, "Former players, I don't think, have played on pitches like this."

But, you do not have to look beyond the India-Pakistan Bangalore Test of 1987 for an answer to that.

Pakistan was spun out for 116 on a minefield of a pitch on day one. India was eventually left with a target of 221 on a dustbowl. And, Sunil Gavaskar, playing with flawless footwork, made a chanceless 96 in one of the greatest knocks by an Indian.

Also, Gundappa Viswanath can be named as India's finest 'bad-wicket' batter.

Coming back to Australia, Steve Smith's captaincy was tactically suave. A natural skipper who enjoys challenges, he's put the Sandpaper Gate incident in South Africa, 2018, behind.

Smith is a veritable bundle of energy when captaining his side; shuffling his bowlers, moving the fielders constantly to sow seeds of doubt in the batter's mind, and running up to have conversations with his bowlers.

Like he said, "Captaincy in India is like playing a game of chess. Every ball is an event." And, Smith, enjoying captaincy rather than feeling the pressure, made all the right moves.

Such as blocking a battling Cheteshwar Pujara with the ring field from square-leg to mid-wicket and forcing him to play that leg-glance to Nathan Lyon with Smith himself taking a stunning reflex catch at leg-slip.

He also slowed down the game when Shreyas Iyer was going great guns and his decision to bring back Mitchell Starc was an inspired one

Lyon, with Matthew Kuhnemann and Todd Murphy offering him excellent support to maintain the pressure, teased and tormented the Indian batters with flight and spin, dip and drift. What a champion spinner!

Finally, Ravindra Jadeja's "unpardonable 'no-ball' with which he 'dismissed' Marnus Labuschagne was a huge moment in the Test. Labuschagne's meaty partnership with Usman Khawaja laid the foundation for the Aussie victory.

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